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CHINESE FORCE GATES OF YIHSIEN

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese forces this morning secured a substantial hold on the south-east corner of Yihsien, according to reliable reports from the front this morning.

Gradually closing in on the beleaguered town in combined operations from south, east and west, the Chinese, after encountering stiff resistance during the night, smashed through early this morning and penetrated first the south and then the east gate.

Severe fighting is now taking place inside the city walls, where the Japanese troops, fighting desperately, are apparently in much the same plight as the divisions which collapsed at Taierschwang insofar as their supplies are fast running short.

The weight of their artillery fire has appreciably diminished in the last 24 hours.

JAPANESE ADMISSION

Meanwhile, for the first time this morning, the Japanese military spokesman admitted that the Japanese forces were besieged at Yihsien, while claiming that the "situation is under control."

No mention was made, however, of operations at Tsao-chwang, and the Japanese military communiqué dealt principally with guerilla operations round Taiyuan, Pengpu and Shihchia-chwang. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE WAR DISABLED

Tokyo, To-day.

The plenary meeting of the Privy Council, presided over by the Emperor yesterday, decided on organization of a special department for protection of disabled war veterans.

General Shigeru Honjo, former commander-in-chief of the Kwantung Army, is likely to be appointed chief of the new department. — Trans-Ocean.

Manufacturers May Establish In Canada

London, To-day.

Britain is preparing to buy 500 bombers from the United States, constituting the largest single commission of its kind ever placed by one country with another.

This is reported by the New York correspondent of the "News Chronicle," who states that at the moment it is not clear whether the planes will be equipped with engines or will be just American bodies awaiting fitment with British engines.

In the first event, value of the order will be \$5,000,000, and in the latter event, \$3,700,000.

Successful negotiation of the deal would indicate that Britain is perfecting a source of potential future supply, while experts canvass the suggestion that the next development will be establishment by American aircraft manufacturers of branch plants in Canada, thus evading the handicap of the United States Neutrality Act in the event of war.

MUCH SPECULATION

Speculation has been aroused in London by Lord Winterton's statement in the House of Commons yesterday that "definite exploratory action" is being taken regarding possible supply of aircraft to the R.A.F. from both the United States and Canada.

Reuter's Washington correspondent reports that the suggestion has been received there with some doubt whether the R.A.F. will want the type of machine the United States is prepared to offer.

In any case, the American factories are already working overtime in supplying the U.S. Army and Navy, and there would be no question of selling abroad the latest type of Boeing "flying fortress" bombers which recently flew to Buenos Aires in record time.

EXTREMELY UNLIKELY

The New York correspondent of "The Times" declares it is extremely unlikely that Britain will be able to buy military planes in the United States, because up-to-date fighters would not be exported without the consent of Army and Navy officials and because the factories are booked to capacity months ahead on work for the Army and Navy. — Reuter.

BIG AIRCRAFT FACTORY FOR CHUNGKING

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese press features a report that a Sino-American aeroplane manufacturing company has been organised, with a plant at Chungking, and stating that when it is completed this coming June, it will manufacture various kinds of aeroplanes under the supervision of American engineers.

Daily production, says the report, will be three machines, according to the present plan of the company.

The concern will be capitalised at \$10,000,000, and the plant is reported to be one of the most modern in the Far East. — Reuter.

LORD CRAIGAVON PESSIMISTIC

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Lord Craigavon, commented pessimistically yesterday before returning to Belfast on the chances of a new Anglo-Eire agreement.

He said that in his opinion a definite result could not be expected in the near future. — Trans-Ocean.

To-morrow being GOOD

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Comforting, isn't it? And true too, so far as we need care. It just means when we have the pride to make the most of ourselves we will be good looking.

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HANDS IMPORTANT

Then the hands play an important part in our looks and even if you are a home girl and do the numerous things about the house that tend to make the skin dry and cracked and the nails chipped, you can do something to prevent those things marring your nice hand beauty.

You will wear rubber gloves when you must have your hands in water and strong soap, or even the kind that is not hard on the skin. Sensitive hands, you know, must be protected against too much

soaking in any kind of soap and water.

You will always wear a pair of loose cotton gloves while dusting, or any such work about the house or garden.

Always wash the hands well with plenty of creamy, soapy lather and warm water every day, but remove the soap with clear water, then use a lotion or cream to soothe the skin.

Before putting on your dusting gloves, just wet the soap and claw it a bit with the finger nails, so the free edge of the nails will become packed with the soap, then rub a little film of cream over the hands.

Use your creams every night and remember your hair. A good brushing will not remove the wave when your brushing is a regular practice.

BEAU CATCHERS

The new evening frocks are regular beau catchers, and the dance floor looks just like a garden filled with beautiful, ethereal blossoms. Full-skirted frocks of chiffon or lace with matching long capes, complete with dainty hoods, are selling fast. But they should be worn only by the very young woman. Then there is the marquisette dress and bolero, with short, high, puffed sleeves. This comes in delicate blue or rose and has the bottom of its full skirt strewn with tiny velvet forget-me-not clusters.



WHO IS IT? She looks like Greta Garbo, and is supposed to be Greta Garbo, but in real life she is Joan Bourne, made up to represent the Swedish star at a recent Film Ball held at Pinewood.

PLAYING TRUTH

Don't hide your light under a bushel. The modern world hasn't time to look for it.

You know what happened to the man who buried his talents. Keep yours in circulation—no one likes a miser.

Make the most of yourself. It's worth a trial to improve whatever you have—in looks, grace, conversation, bravery and good humour.

Try a new perfume if you need a change. Put on entirely new make-up when you feel low. Turn to the comic strips if life seems weighty.

Fretting grows wrinkles. They're not as easy to erase as to avoid.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The marriage took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, between Mr. Eu Tai Hang, son of the late Mr. Eu Cheung Tseung, and Miss Tsoi Wai Ching, daughter of Mr. Tsoi Ying Choi, merchant.

The ceremony which took place at 11 a.m., was performed by the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. W. A. Jones, and witnessed by Mrs. Tsoi Sin Shi and Mr. Yu Sui Chung. The bridegroom is a clerk in the employ of the National Lacquer and Paint Products Co., Ltd.

At 3 p.m. the marriage between Mr. Yan Ka Kui and Miss Wong Hon Lau, was solemnised. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Yan Ming Hay, and the bride the daughter of Mr. Wong Suen Hing.

The Deputy Registrar, Mr. W. A. Jones, officiated and the ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Chan Kai Fan and Mr. Wong Suen Hing.

The bridegroom is an aeroplane mechanic, residing at 213 Tam Kung Road, Kowloon City.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Joseph Turner, linen manufacturer of San Tak Lane, Swatow, to Miss Geneva Margaret Dye, medical missionary doctor attached to the Bixby Memorial Hospital, Kityang, near Swatow.

Mr. Hou Hong Kwong, book-keeper associated with Messrs. Wing Wo Company, to Miss Mui Li Wan, residing at 35 Argyle Street, Kowloon.

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by Ursula Jeffries

Hardened to fashion shows as we are, we have to admit that in variety and new ideas, yesterday's dress parade given by Dolly Varden's was very outstanding. It held a large audience under its insidious spell and was staged on the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Every available seat was filled. The women frankly applauded what they liked, and if you don't think women know what they like, you should have been there.

COOL LINENS

Morning frocks were shown first, the kind that made you want to throw caution to the four winds and become the proud possessor of them all.

Cool, fresh-looking linens predominated the morning mode, and those that met with instant approval included:

A white dress of shaggy linen, buttoned down the front to the hem with red hearts. Absurd pockets on either side of the bust, cut-heart-shape and edged with red rick-rack.

A naive young frock in madly patterned hand-blocked linen, ablaze with the colours of the rainbow, and zipped smartly at the side from top to hem.

A gay little Tyrolean dress of uncrushable linen, with navy blue skirt and white blouse, harnessed by bright suspenders embroidered with tiny field flowers in blue, green, red and yellow silk.

NAVY BLUE AGAIN

Fashion decrees that if you want to keep looking definitely this season, embrace unto yourself navy blue. Fashion has favoured it for many years, but 1938 will see navy blue going places. Yes, to luncheons, tea, cocktails and dinner. You can let yourself go with navy blue.

Some of the most outstanding afternoon frocks seen at the parade featured it. One, an adorable affair, with a new type of bolero, caused many a gasp. A wisp of white lace petticoat peeped tantalisingly from below the hem, and a dainty posy trimmed one shoulder.

Another was a very wearable, lovable, lady-like ensemble the top of which was frothed in white lace to emphasise the bolero that you must have this year.

A profusion of pleats, gave plenty of knee-action to another frock in black rayon. We liked

the new low waistline in this one and its scattered appliqued flowers trimming the waist and left side from shoulder to waist. To the high neck was added a touch of white valenciennes lace.

Paquin's dress of royal blue, embroidered at waist and on right breast pockets with white angora wool will make you face the world with assurance. Gently flared skirt and dashing red handkerchief were other smart details.

FEMININE WITH A VENGEANCE

For evening we will go feminine with a vengeance. It is quite some time since we've been allowed to, but 1938 stops short of nothing in the way of revealing shoulder-lines, frills, flowers, lace, et als. In fact, everything to make us appear softer and daintier than we have ever been before.

A turquoise blue faille, with new up-lift bodice, and very finely pleated silk net ruching outlining the heart-shaped top, simply dripped with femininity. A dainty bouquet and little jacket completed the charming model.

Very girlish and come-hitherish was another in flowery pique. The skirt was full and swinging, and the deep square-cut neck was banded with rick-rack in red, green and yellow. Rick-rack ribbed the piquant puffed sleeves.

Femininity is even instilled into the tailored formal. Quite one of the prettiest frocks we have yet seen was a navy blue crepe with very figure-fitting lines. Pleats burst from the high neck like rays of the sun, and touches of lace were scattered here and there.

The new low waistline and corsetted bodice made its appearance in a moire taffeta frock of old rose. Large flowers in three different shades of rose combined to give an off-the-shoulder neckline.

We went all silly over a double duty evening gown called "Cutie." It was fashioned of faille, and combined black, white and red to perfection. The wide, swining skirt was black, the high-necked blouse tied at the throat was white, while the little quilted jacket was black with red lapels.

BRIDAL SPLENDOUR

And last but not least came the piece de resistance—the 1938 bride. Chanel designed it and fashioned it of white satin, with high waistline and bodice embroidered in seed pearls. The lines were very classical to show off the modern young figure, and the headpiece was a halo in silver, with synthetic diamonds studding the net crown. A long veil of embroidered net fell from her head in a shower. The bouquet of calla lilies which the bride carried was an exact replica of the one used by Joan Bennett in Vogue of 1938, and was arranged by the Clover Leaf Flower Shop.

You can take it from us, the parade was a huge success, and the proceeds amounted to \$370. The amount will be divided equally and donated to the Society for the Protection of Children and the Boy's and Girls' Clubs.



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**STORMY MEETING OF THE
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AN EXTREMELY STORMY MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER THIS MORNING, WHERE DR. F. H. KEW, SEVERELY CRITICISED HIS CO-DIRECTORS OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, AND SEVERAL ITEMS IN THE ACCOUNTS.

The issue of 14,000 new shares was also opposed by Dr. Kew, who stated that he intended to write an open letter to all shareholders.

The report of the directors, presented by the chairman, Mr. Lau Tak-po, stated that all traffic records were smashed during the Coronation celebrations. The war in the north had resulted in increased returns but the abnormal rise in operating costs had caused great concern.

It was hoped by the new share issue to convert some of the ferries into diesel ships and thus save considerably in running expenses.

MODERNISED SHIPS

The chairman said:—

During the year, the remaining three double ended ferry vessels of the "Man Lai" class were reconstructed. The reconstruction which gave the vessels an extra 2 feet beam and improved accommodation was very successful. We were fortunate in getting this work done before the heavy rise in the cost of materials. The "Man Shing" was also reconstructed. The modernised vessel now carries 14% more passengers has less draft and is faster than before.

The latest addition to our fleet, the "Man Kwong," has proved to be a very successful boat. The Kowloon City Service which is now being maintained by vessels of this improved class is now yielding better returns. It is now possible to travel from the Hong Kong Pier to Kowloon City in under 25 minutes — which is faster than a combined bus and ferry journey. The Season Ticket rate to Kowloon City is now similar to that on the main services namely \$3.00 per month. The Government has completed the rebuilding of the Kowloon City Pier and the Hung Hom Pier is under construction.

NEW H.K. BERTH

To operate a better and more frequent service to Kowloon City we are in urgent need of another berth in Hong Kong. We have already applied to the Government for this and hope that it will be available in the near future.

The recent completion of the new Bus Terminus at our Pier in Hong Kong and the additional shelter provided on the frontage has been greatly appreciated by the travelling public who may now walk to and from the pier under shelter.

Your Directors have authorised the issue of 14,000 new shares for subscription at \$20 of which \$10 is for nominal value and \$10 premium. These extra funds will enable us to explore the possibilities of converting some of our steam

ferry vessels into diesel ships which will reduce fuel costs and effect great savings in running costs. The new shares will be offered to shareholders for subscription in the proportion of one new share for every five held by shareholders on the 3rd May, 1938. The subscription for the new shares will close on the 1st June, 1938 and the new shares will rank for dividend as from that date.

STRONG COMMENTS

Dr. Kew then passed some very strong remarks on several items in the accounts. He drew attention to the fact that "Furniture," as shown in the 1936 accounts, had increased from some \$10,000 to \$52,000. The chairman explained that this increase was due to the inclusion of the furniture and fittings on ferries in the new accounts.

On Dr. Kew strongly criticising the operation of the company, he was interrupted by several shareholders and after a heated general argument during which Dr. Kew questioned the need for the new issue of capital, Dr. Kew, in withdrawing, said that he intended to write an open letter to shareholders "exposing certain facts of which he was in possession."

The accounts and report were seconded by Mr. Soo Hue Yue and passed without opposition.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

The meeting concluded with a vote of confidence in the Board which was proposed by Mr. Young Tsun-dart and passed with acclamation.

The chairman was supported by the following directors:—Messrs. Wong Ping-suen, Kwan Sum-yin, Young Tsun-dart, Kwok Chuen, Choy Wai-hung and Wong Chio-hoo and about 50 shareholders, including Dr. Kew, who elected to attend as a shareholder and not a director.

**GAOL FITTER IN
TROUBLE**

Li Man, a fitter employed at the Prison at Stanley, was this morning fined \$50 or two months' hard labour by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy, when he pleaded guilty to taking a pound of ping tobacco into the prison early this morning.

Sergeant Soutar said that defendant was searched as he was going on duty. The tobacco was found strapped round his legs. He had been employed at the Prison for 14 months at wage of \$30 and free quarters.

**PRAYA INCIDENT
SEQUEL**

A Wei-hai-wei constable, Shou Hsok-chi, charged with possession of 96 bottles of Chinese wine on which duty had not been paid, in Cammug Road West, was to-day remanded till Monday on bail of \$300.

An Indian constable last night saw a coolie run away when challenged and dropped the parcel. At the station, the number of the Chinese constable was found marked on the blanket. The Indian had seen the constable pass him a few minutes earlier.

Lee Wai, aged 20, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour when found guilty of the theft of a fountain pen from P.C. Walsh in Queen's Road Central yesterday.

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BRITISH CONDUCT OF THE DOG FOOTPAD

MR. Alfred Blossom, head-master of the Tar and Feathers public house, in the pretty, old-world hamlet of Gibbet End, often tells this story as an example of the solid, sterling worth of the British character. True, he is ready to admit that the dog Footpad was an exceptional animal, but he holds the view that any other dog, provided it was of British descent and registered at the Kennel Club, would have done the same in similar circumstances.

Footpad, a red retriever of irreproachable antecedents, was the property of Rear-Admiral Hector Fortinbras, C.B., C.M.G., of the Towers, Gibbet End, and was his master's inseparable companion when he rode about the countryside on his horse Hotspur.

One could often come on them by chance, about the hour of the evening sacrifice, wending their way homeward along a leafy lane.

"Footpad, come here, sir! Come to heel, confound you!" the Admiral would roar, and passers-by, hearing him, would be instantly aware that the gallant officer was on his way home to the Towers, where a whisky-and-soda would be brought to him by his man Parkinson, and the dog Footpad would lie panting at his feet, gazing up at him in dumb adoration.

Admiral Fortinbras detested all new-fangled contraptions such as electric light, gas, the telephone, radio, and hikers, nor would he allow any of these things to be introduced into his house.

"Where," he would demand defiantly, if challenged, "is the sense in makin' ourselves uncomfortable for the sake of novelty? Solomon—and he was a dashed sound fellow, they tell me—said there was nothing new under the sun, and Solomon wouldn't have sat up half the evening torturin' himself and his neighbours with tin-can music from a Kafir kraal, or allowed his wives to go stumpin' about the countryside in corduroy knickers, dammit!"

The faithful Footpad, of course, shared this view, and more than one girl hiker who had the temerity to call at the Towers for water to boil in her kettle carries to this day the trademark of his fangs in the fleshy part of her calf.

It was surely a coincidence that in the village of Gibbet End there should have been a house known as the Turret. Like its near neighbour, the Towers, it stood on gravel soil, facing south, within easy walking distance of the railway station and the Baptist chapel, and was equipped with the usual offices.

Jocelin Fortescue, a rising young gossip-writer, inherited the place from a cousin, but, preferring the calm sequestered ease of an office in Fleet-street to the roar and bustle of country life, continued to reside in rooms off the Gray's Inn-road and put the Turret in charge of his elderly and eccentric uncle, one General

Fortescue. For a time all went well, and then the march of progress began to make itself felt in the village of Gibbet End. Gas was installed in the parish hall, the vicarage, and the Baptist chapel, rumours of the innovation reached the ears of the young gossip-writer, and one day the London offices of the gas company were invaded by a gorgeously appraised youth with horn-rimmed spectacles and a compelling manner.

"Gentlemen," he explained to the clerks in the outer office, "you see before you no man of straw, but the owner of lordly acres in the heart of rural England. My name is Fortescue, Jocelin Fortescue, and I am seized of

name is Fortescue, not Faversham."

It was about ten in the morning on the Tuesday following Jocelin Fortescue's call on the gas company when an assault was begun on the home of that typical English Admiral Fortinbras.

The Admiral, having eaten heartily of an Englishman's breakfast—porridge, fish, eggs and bacon—served to him with full ceremonial by Parkinson, his man, had set out for the stables, the dog Footpad at his heels, to supervise the grooming of the horse Hotspur. He had not gone far, however, when he became

Short
Story

By H. M.
Raleigh

four carucates of land in the village of Gibbet End, vested in me by right of soccage, bootage, allage, and sewage."

"Quite, sir," replied one of the clerks brightly, "gas incinerators are in our show-room on the first floor."

"You misunderstand me, comrade," said Jocelin, patiently. "I learn that your minions have already begun to lay gas-pipes along the main street of Gibbet End. It has been suggested to me that to have gas laid on to my ancestral home, the Turret, would increase its value."

"Certainly, Mr. Forsyth," said the chief clerk, writing industriously on a scribbling-pad. "The Towers, Gibbet End. It shall have our immediate attention."

"Fortescue, not Forsyth," amended the young man, "and the house is the Turret, not the Towers."

"Very good, sir," said the clerk.

"There will have to be a gas cooker in the kitchen, I suppose," went on Jocelin, "and a geyser for the hot water, which presumably you would put in the bathroom. But I really haven't time to worry over these technical details."

"You can safely leave all that to our people on the spot," the clerk assured him.

"Good. Oh, and one other thing. I ought to warn you that my uncle, old General Fortescue, is at present living in the house. He is rather eccentric. The old boy may make a bit of a fuss when your people start putting in the gas-pipes. Tell them not to take any notice of him—he's certain to use a lot of strong language, but if he becomes violent they'd better lock him up."

"I will make a particular note of it, Mr. Faversham," said the clerk. "We shall begin work early next week. Good afternoon."

"Good afternoon. And the

owner of the house. When I attempted to expostulate with 'em, and said that I would call you, they laughed in a manner which I could only describe as sinister."

"Oh, they did, did they? And perhaps you'll have the goodness to explain why these boobies from the gas works are hackin' up my grounds."

"I fancy it is their intention to lay on a gas supply to the house, sir."

Gas! The hideous word set all the Admiral's ganglions quivering like harp-strings. Speaking in the harsh, resonant voice which had caused him to be known to the Lower Deck by the affectionate sobriquet of "Creaking Charlie," he expressed his view of the situation in no uncertain terms.

"By Gad, Parkinson, I won't stand it!" concluded the angry sea-dog. "Fetch me my huntin' crop from the hall!"

The foreman in charge of the gas company's trenching operations was a young man of courage and resource, but even he was taken aback when he beheld a stout, dapper little man advancing on him in a threatening attitude, flourishing a hunting-crop and bellowing imprecations.

"This must be the old geezer we was warned about, Bill," said the foreman to one of his subordinates. "E seems to 'ave got something on 'is mind. Just start in on that there brick wall with the pneumatic drill; then we shan't 'ear what 'e says, see?"

"Hi, you lop-eared, jelly-bellied son of Belial," howled the Admiral, now purple in the face, "why in thunder can't you answer a civil question? Haven't any of you got tongues in your chuckle-heads, dammit?"

Any reply that may have been vouchsafed by the foreman and his mates was drowned by a nerve-shattering roar, as the

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Tommy: "Why so, mother? I think it's economy. You see the same piece of bread serves for both."—Grit.

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Aha!

Sir Fletcher Norton was noted for his brusqueness. When pleading before Lord Mansfield on some question of manorial right, he chanced to say, "My Lord, I can illustrate the point in an instant in my own person: I myself have two little manors—"

The judge immediately interposed with one of his blandest smiles: "We all know it, Sir Fletcher."

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Aha!

"Jimmie, how do you like school?"

"Closed, Dad, closed."

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Father: "Johnny, there's a button off your coat. Go upstairs and sew it on."

Little Johnny (in surprise): "Mother will sew it on, dad."

Father: "I know she will, but I want you to learn to sew buttons on yourself."

Johnny looked amazed. "Why, dad?"

Father (solemnly): "Some day, Johnny, you will have a wife."—Montreal Star.

PAGING SHERLOCK HOLMES

Chicago.—Detective James McGurk of the Missing Persons Bureau has drawn one of the oddest assignments in Chicago police history.

He was detailed to find Sherlock Holmes.

The absentee Sherlock is the beneficiary of an estate in Ripon, Wis., and his last known address was on the North Side. The request came from G. W. Lambert, Cashier of the Ripon State Bank. Detective McGurk quipped he could do very well with the services of a Dr. Watson.



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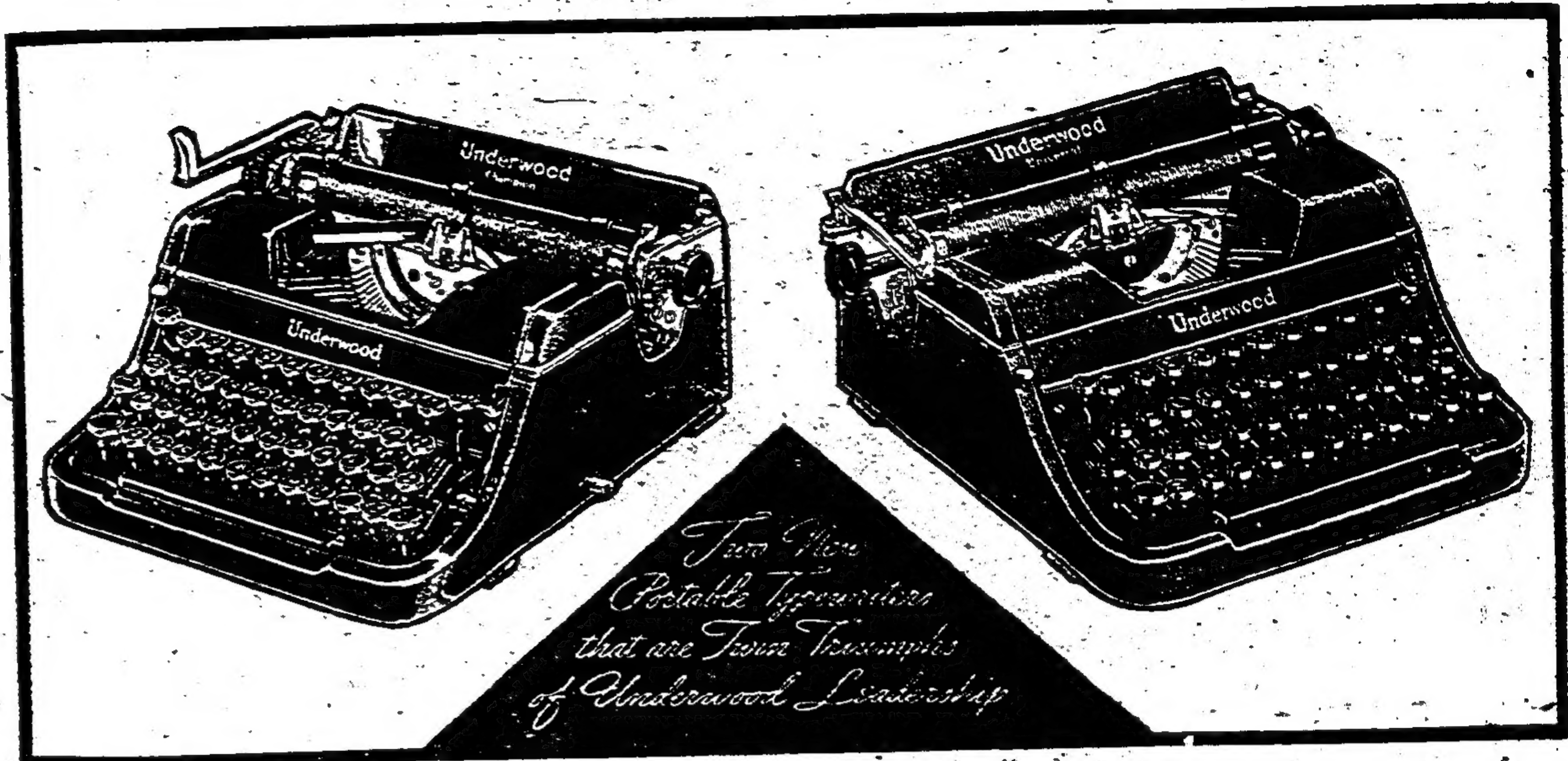
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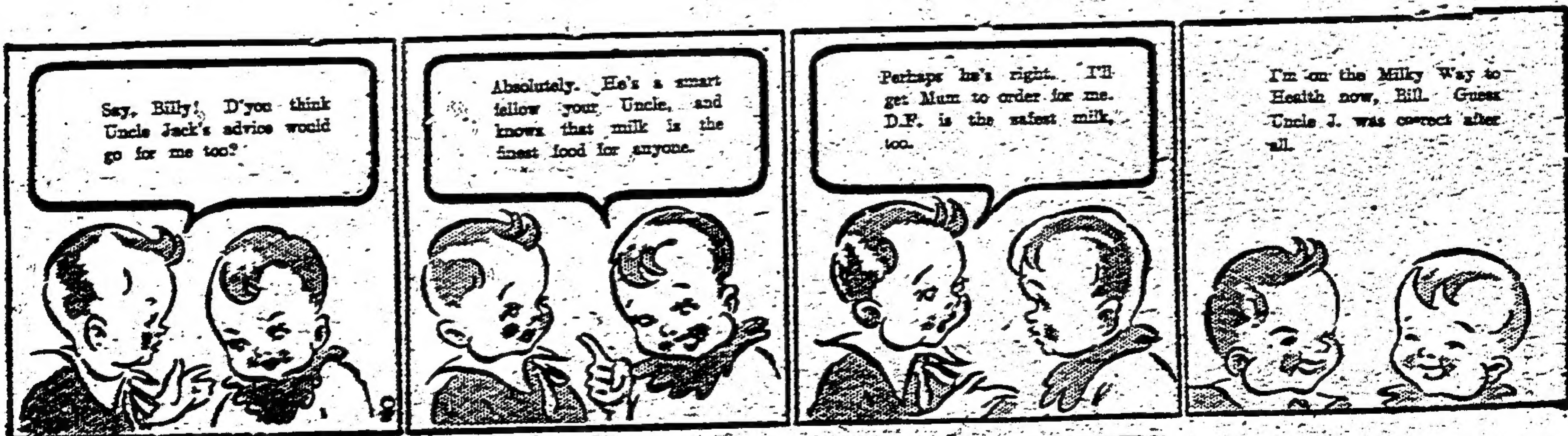
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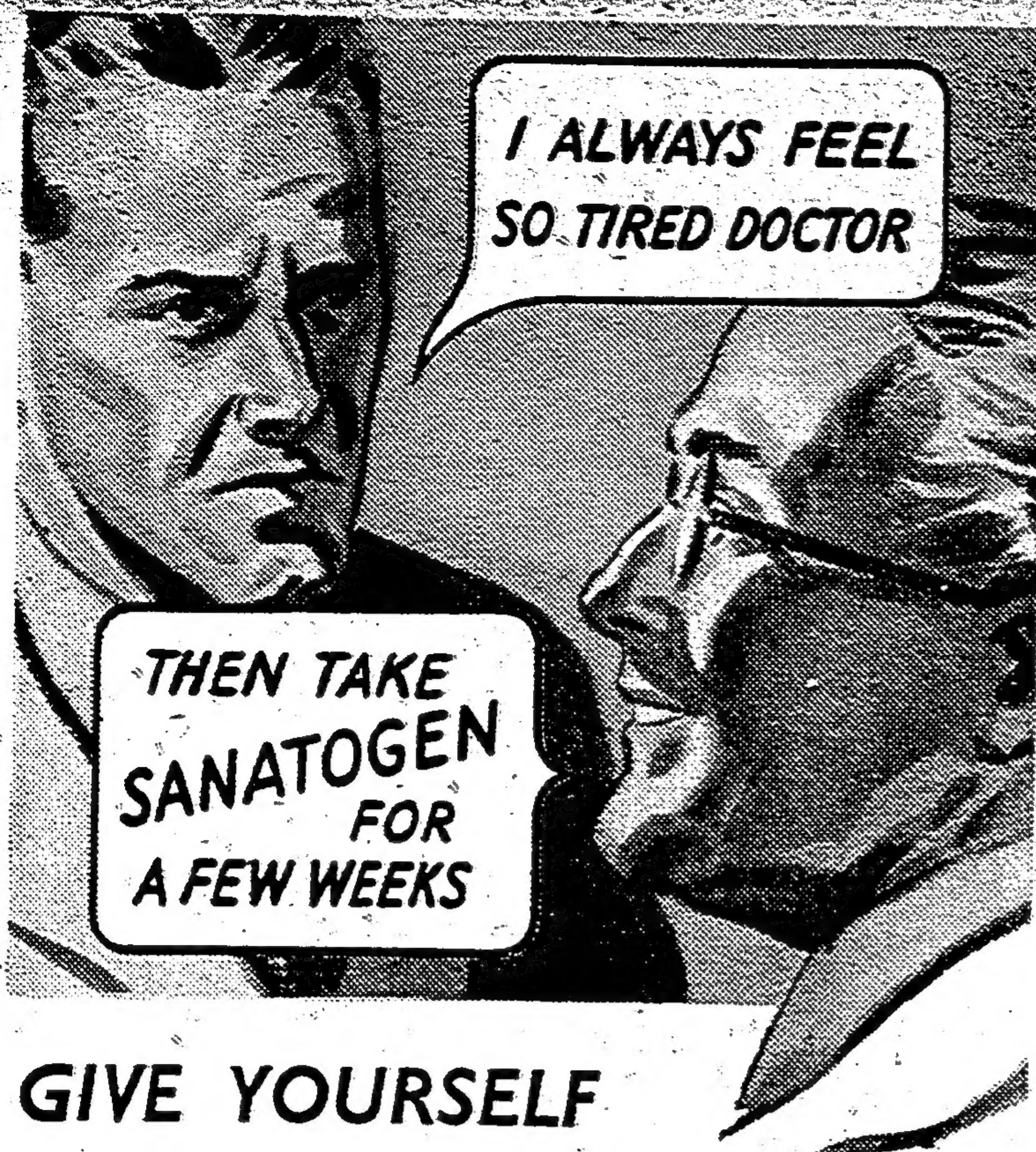


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TRAGEDY NEAR VIENNA

THE tragedy of Mayerling—the mysterious death of the young Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria—was spoken of with bated breath in Vienna for years. The tragedy staggered society. Although it was generally known that he had taken his own life and that of his mistress, Mary Vetsera, the Emperor, his father, forbade any revelations whatever, and a secrecy of half a century fell on the mystery.

The one person alive to-day who was intimately connected with the tragedy is a woman—Rudolf's wife, the Crown Princess Stephanie. After a silence of fifty years she has decided to write her memoirs and reveal the facts.

TALL AND STATELY

Princess Stephanie of Belgium, Duchess of Saxony, Princess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Crown Princess of Austria-Hungary, is now Princess von Lonyay. At seventy-five she is to-day a tall and stately-looking woman, a splendid representative of an age that is past. Her complacency is amazing in a woman who has lived through a world-shaking epoch, and for this she thanks the practical upbringing which her mother, the Queen of the Belgians, who was born an Archduchess of Austria, gave her children.

In following the story of her extraordinary marriage to the Crown Prince of Austria it is difficult to realise that it lasted only eight years, and to remember the extreme youth of both Stephanie and her husband. At thirty Rudolf took his life, and at twenty-four Stephanie was left a widow.

Rudolf at the time of his marriage was twenty-two years of age. He was vivid, romantic, active, and filled with plans for the future welfare of his country and of Europe. There is in Vienna to-day a growing party who declare that had Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria lived, and carried out his ideas, the

World War would never have taken place. They consider that he was a man who had a rare gift for constructive statesmanship. That he saw far ahead. But that he was not strong enough to stand against environment and the circumstances that surrounded him. On the other hand, there are those who consider that Rudolf was insane, that he would inevitably have dragged his country and her dependencies to disaster. But, whatever the point of view, Rudolf was undoubtedly an enigmatical, strange figure, an interesting study for those who have not had to suffer at his hands.

COURT SPLENDOUR

To this complex character the sixteen-year-old Princess Stephanie, daughter of the King of the Belgians, was married in 1880. From the comparatively simple Brussels Court she was plunged into the splendour of the Court of Vienna. In her memoirs, "I Was to be Empress," she describes the magnificent ceremonial of her marriage in Vienna to the heir of the Austrian Throne. In deep contrast is her description of the reception she received on the first night of her honeymoon at the grim old castle of Laxenburg, where the rooms were cold as ice and smelt of mould. Nothing had been made ready in welcome for the bride; there was little furniture, no carpets, no dressing-table, or bath-room; nothing but a washstand on a three-legged frame. The youthful future Empress of Austria found disillusionment at every turn.

In the first years of their married life, when it was generally known that the Crown Prince and Princess were not happy together, Stephanie was largely blamed. When Rudolf took to drugs, spent his time in dissipation, and took one mistress after another, he was excused on the grounds that he had to find some outlet for his domestic troubles. But his wife Stephanie was soon to learn that he had led that sort of life before his marriage, that he had been married off early by his parents in the hopes that he would then lead "a regulated and domestic life." Their plans were far from successful. With Rudolf's difficult, unstable temperament, it is unlikely that he would have settled down with any woman, however perfect she might have been.

When the position became unbearable for the Crown Princess she approached the Emperor, telling him she was convinced that the Crown Prince was becoming insane, that his behaviour, his violent outbursts of temper, and mysterious activities all pointed to insanity. She hoped that his father would send him away on a world tour that would save his reason. The Emperor listened politely and coldly to what the wife of the heir to the throne had to say, but took not the slightest notice of it.

Of the disasters that followed—the estrangement between the Emperor and his son by a hunting accident in which the Emperor believed that Rudolf deliberately shot at him, the passionate love of the young Baroness Mary Vetsera for Rudolf, and her decision to die with him, and finally the double tragedy at Mayerling—is told from a woman's, a wife's, point of view, with all its sadness and poignancy revealed after fifty years of silence.

BRITISH CONDUCT OF THE DOG FOOTPAD

(Continued from Page 1)

pneumatic drill came into operation.

"Pipe down!" the Admiral screamed above the din. "By thunder. I'd roast the lot of you alive for twopence."

The foreman stooped down and yelled into the ear of his subordinate:

"Better look out for trouble, Bill; the old sinner's gettin' worked up."

"Creaking Charlie," finding his protests unavailing, abandoned argument and had recourse to violence. Raising his hunting-crop aloft, he took a pace forward and brought it down with all his strength on the shoulders of the unsuspecting foreman.

At once the roar of the pneumatic drill ceased, and the employees of the gas company rallied as one man to the defence of their leader. The man Parkinson having basely deserted his master in his hour of need, and retired to the kitchen to take a glass of sherry white wine with the cook, the gallant Admiral was quickly overpowered, and carried, kicking and bellowing, to the coal-shed at one end of the house, where he was securely locked in.

"That'll keep the old spitfire quiet for a bit," said the foreman, ruefully massaging his shoulder blades. "I'll 'ave the law on 'im for this."

Meanwhile, what of the dog Footpad? "This (Mr. Alfred Blossom untiringly asserts, quoting the poet Newbolt) was the hour when Footpad first leaped to his long renown." The sagacious animal, dumb witness of all that had occurred, growled a passionate protest against the fate which had overwhelmed his deity, whereupon the foreman, fearing canine reprisals, dealt him a shrewd welt with the business end of a shovel, but an English dog never knows when he is beaten, and Footpad uttered not so much as a yelp.

Instead, he picked up his master's hat, which had fallen in the struggle, and bounded off, no man deterring him, in the direc-

tion of the main gateway. The foreman, who was town-bred and therefore unfamiliar with the fauna of the English countryside, scratched his head in bewilderment.

"Cool!" he exclaimed. "Whatever was that, Bill? A ruddy fox?"

"Nah," replied the other, more knowledgeable than his mate, "it was a dorg."

Footpad, meanwhile, had reached the front door of the vicarage, and was scratching and whining to attract attention. The vicar, the Reverend Humphrey Bayswater, opened the door in person, and no sooner had he set eyes on the Admiral's hat between the jaws of his unexpected visitor than he realised that something must be seriously amiss.

"Great heavens, my dear," he called out to his wife, "something terrible must have happened to the Admiral. His dog is here, with his hat."

And, wasting no time in discussion, the reverend gentleman set off at a round pace in the direction of the Admiral's residence, the dog Footpad bounding ahead.

Footpad, indeed, reached the house some two or three hundred yards ahead of his reinforcements, found the foreman stooping down to egg on his subordinates to further excesses with the pneumatic drill, and promptly fastened his teeth in the seat of the man's dungarees. Having done so, he hung on with relentless determination, and neither the yells of his victim nor the enraged bellowing of the Admiral imprisoned in the coal-shed could induce him to relinquish his hold.

Had it not been for the timely arrival of the Reverend Humphrey Bayswater, the noble creature would undoubtedly have been battered to death with picks and shovels by the employees of the gas company, for the foreman's associates were not prepared to stand idly by while their leader was devoured by a red retriever, be its pedigree never so respectable.

The vicar, breathless and perspiring, was appalled by the sight which met his gaze, and at once leaped to an erroneous, though pardonable, conclusion.

"Villains!" he panted. "I have caught you red-handed! You

have assassinated the Admiral, and are now disposing of the corpse of your victim! Good dog, Footpad; hold the scoundrel while I run for the police!"

Footpad, thus encouraged, gave a vigorous tag at the dungarees; there was a sharp rending sound, and the gas company's foreman sat down suddenly on the parapet of the trench.

"We ain't murdered nobody, mister," he protested. "There's a peppery little gent shut up in the coal-shed 'oo tried to prevent us gettin' on with our work."

"Bless my soul the Admiral!" exclaimed the vicar. "You have imprisoned Admiral Fortinbras!"

"Ho," replied the foreman without emotion. "'E's an admira'. Is he? Well, anyway, 'e's no business to come interferin' with the officers of the gas company in the execution of their duty, and that goes for that there blinkin' dorg, too!"

Light dawned on the Reverend Humphrey Bayswater.

"My good man," he said, in tones of horror, "there has been a hideous mistake. I heard a rumour the other day that gas was to be laid on at the Turret, on the other side of the road. You have come to the wrong house!"

"You don't say?" exclaimed the foreman, gazing at him open-mouthed in astonishment. "Well, if that ain't the queerest thing

I ever come across in all my puff!"

It was the vicar who, having rescued Admiral Fortinbras from durance vile in the coal-shed, poured oil on troubled waters and successfully cleared up the unfortunate misunderstanding, and the party ultimately broke up under the happiest auspices, the protagonists assuring each other that no offence had been taken where none was intended, and the Admiral leading the vicar into the damaged library for a glass of Madeira.

"Quite a chapter of accidents, my dear Admiral," said the Reverend Humphrey, holding aloft a brimming glass. "I fear these foolish fellows have made a sad mess of your wall."

"It might have been a confounded sight worse if you hadn't come along when you did," grunted the Admiral. "Dashed good of you, my dear chap."

The dog Footpad, stretched out on the hearthrug at their feet, hung out six or seven inches of red flannel tongue and gazed up with affectionate respect into his master's face. He made no attempt to claim credit for the noble part he himself had played in the whole affair. Self-advertisement (as Mr. Alfred Blossom is fond of pointing out to over-pertinacious whisky travellers) is not the British way.

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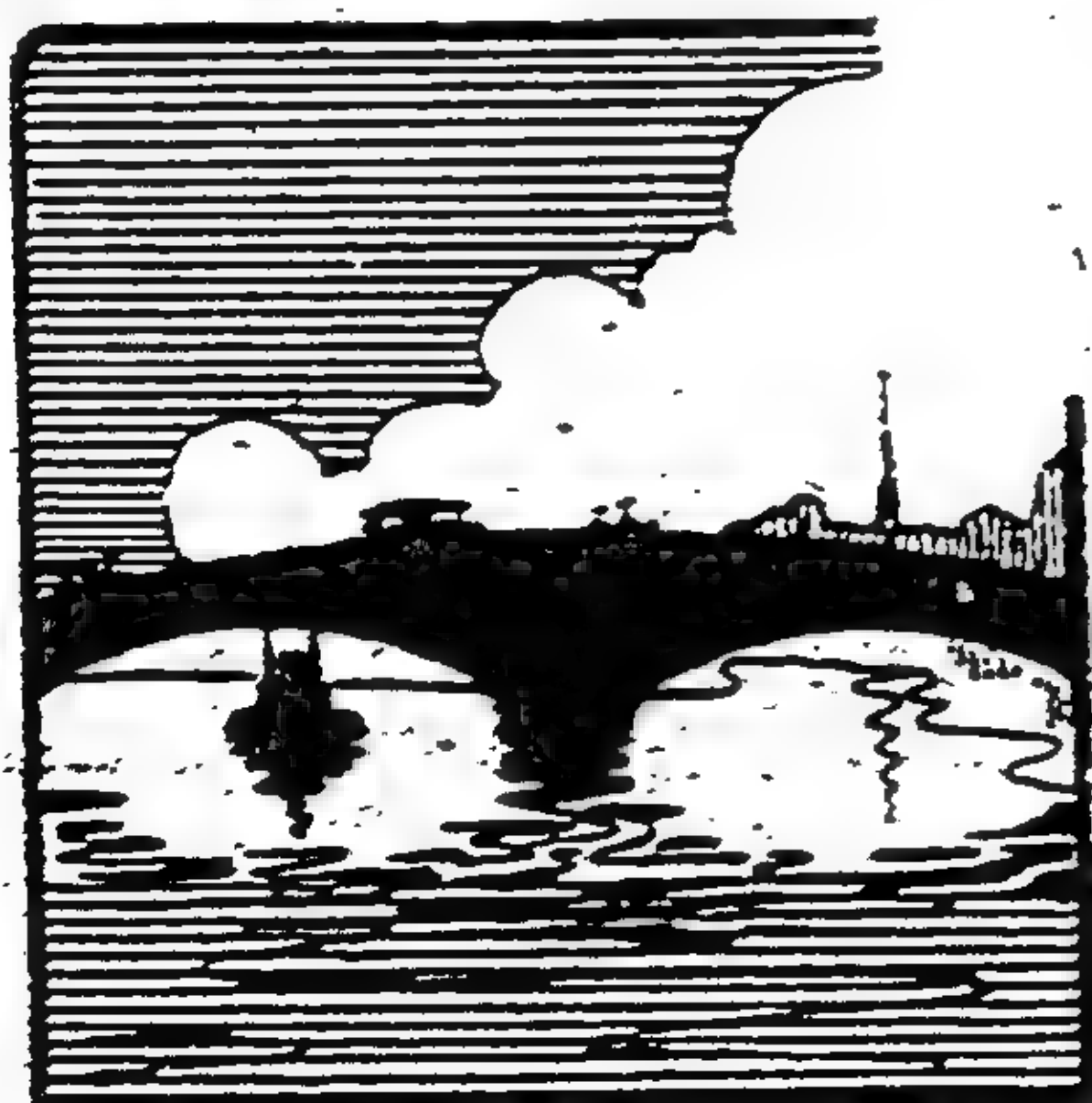
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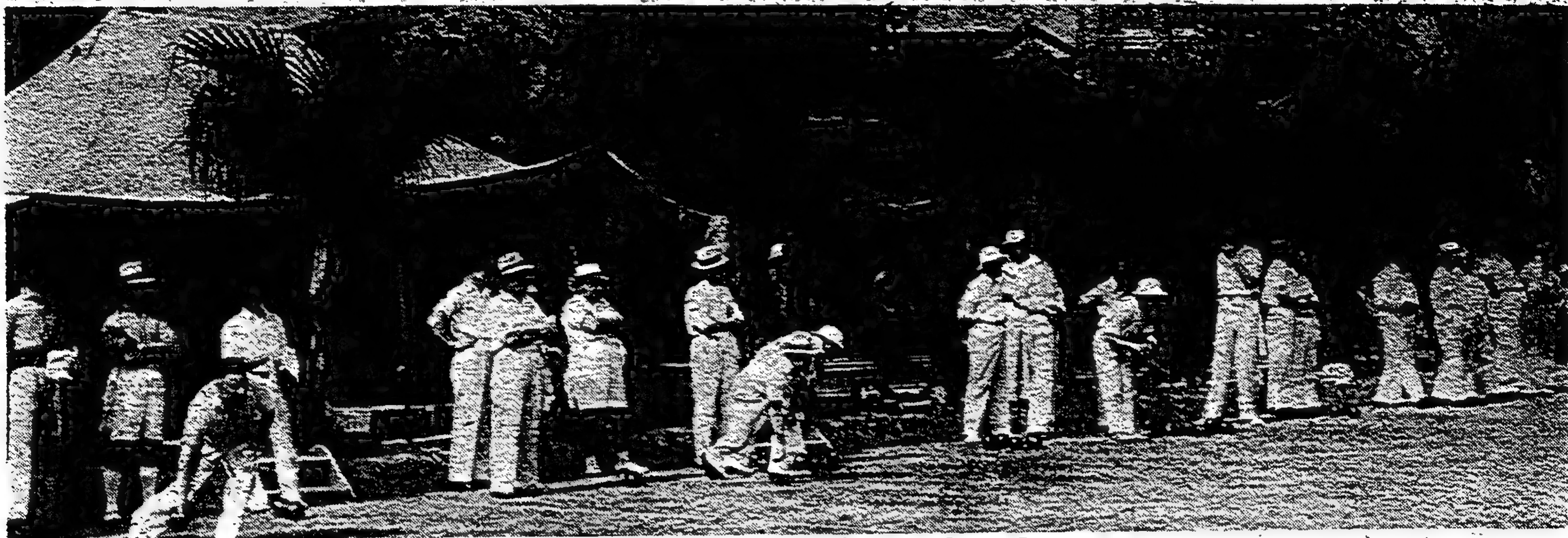
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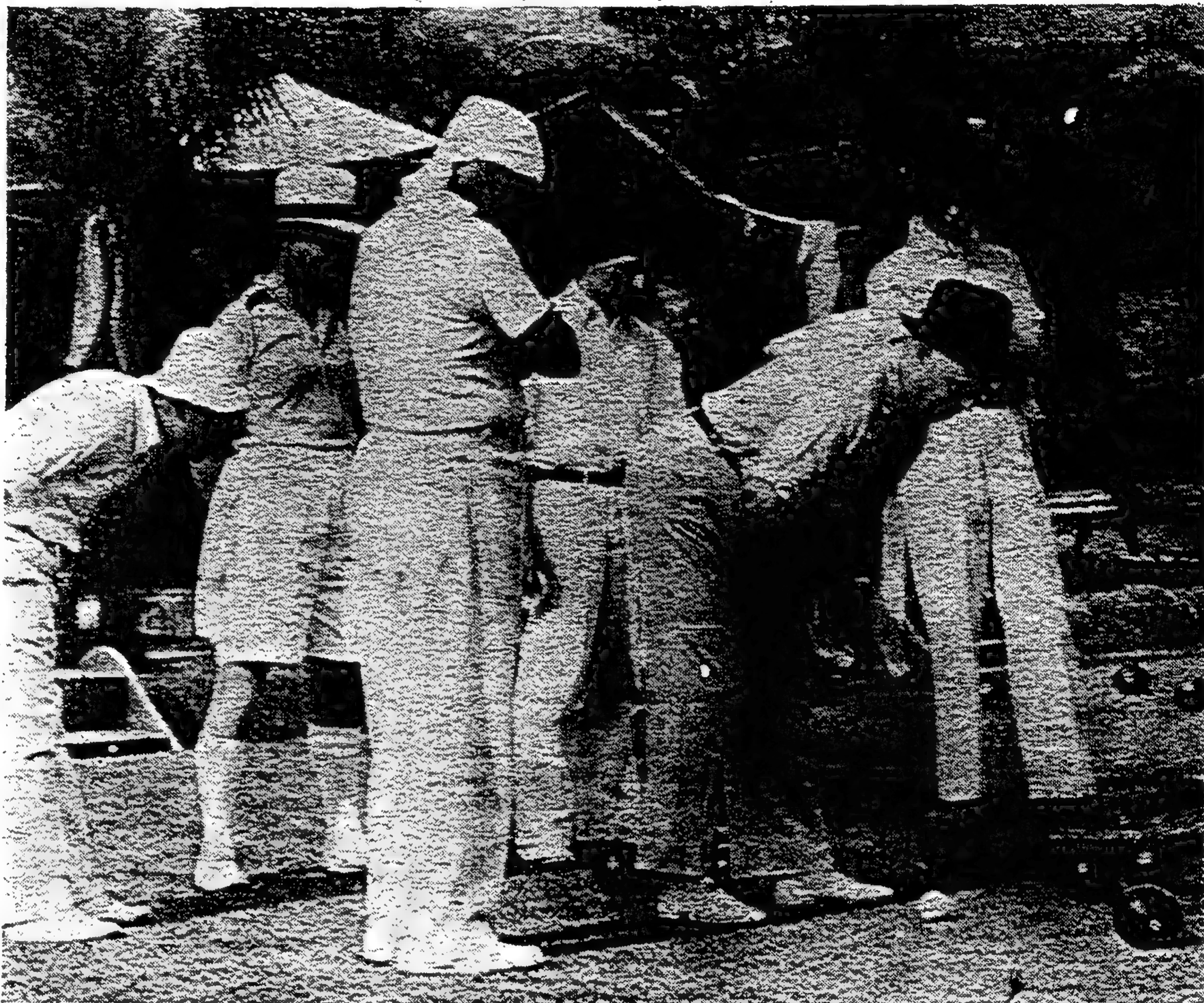
(Above and right) Two photographs of the friendly Lawn Bowls game between Recreio and the K.B.G.C. last week-end. ("Mail" photos).

ANCIENT AIR CONDITIONING

Amarillo, Texas (A.P.)—Air-conditioned apartment houses thousands of years old have been uncovered in the Texas Panhandle. Ruins of an ancient race, which archeologists say was highly civilised are being excavated and studied under the sponsorship of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. The society has obtained a \$10,000 WPA grant for the work.

The ruins show a type of summer air-conditioning. A large stone was placed so it could deflect air current in or out of a ventilating shaft. Fireplaces were used for heating.

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NAVAL FORTIFICATION REPORT

London, To-day.
Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to the Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander (Labour) in the House of Commons yesterday, said he had received a report that a fortified naval base was being established on the island of Sylt, off the west coast of Schleswig.
The Board of Admiralty had considered all the implications arising from this new development.—Reuter.

SHOTS AT DANISH MINISTER WERE BLANKS!

Copenhagen, To-day.
It is now learned that the shots fired at the Danish Minister of Justice in the House of Parliament yesterday were blank cartridges.

When the Minister was making a speech in the Lower House, it is understood that a Nazi youth sitting in the visitors' gallery rose and fired two shots at the Minister without effect.

Later the police arrested a number of youths, including the would-be assassin.—Reuter.

DROPPED LEAFLETS

Copenhagen, To-day.
The youth who fired the blank cartridges in Parliament yesterday, shouted "We don't want to listen to a compromised Minister," and at the same time dropped leaflets into the hall.

When the session was resumed, the Minister of Justice, who appeared quite unaffected by the incident, laconically remarked: "I am accustomed to such affairs and do not pay any attention to it."—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN AND RECOGNITION OF CONQUEST

London, To-day.
The Labour Opposition Leader, Mr. Attlee, in a private notice question to the Prime Minister, asked whether any communication had been received from the Secretary-General of the League of Nations with reference to the request of the British Government that consequences arising out of the existing situation in Ethiopia should be placed on the agenda of the Council of the League of Nations' meeting next month, and whether the Prime Minister would give an undertaking that the Government would act in conformity with the resolutions passed by the Assembly of the League relating to the non-recognition of conquests by aggression. Mr. Chamberlain replied: "The answer to the first part of the question is that the Secretary-General had addressed no communication to the Government on this subject. The second part of the question does not, therefore, arise. With regard to the last part of the question, the Government have, in any way, changed their view of the importance of the principles enunciated in the resolutions to which the Rt. Honourable gentleman refers, but in their application to any case the Government must be entitled to take into account the attitude of

UNIONS AND ARMAMENTS ACCELERATION

London, To-day.
The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, referred in the Commons to his conferences with the representatives of employers and the trades unions of the engineering industry. He informed them, it will be recalled, of the government's desire to accelerate the completion of the defence programme with their co-operation.

He told the House that he had made it clear that the methods to be adopted to accelerate engineering production were matters to be discussed by the industry itself. He had emphasised, in accordance with the statement made by the Prime Minister, that it was not for the Government to try to dictate to the industry the detailed action that would be necessary.

It was in accordance with British tradition that great industries themselves should through their joint machinery work out details in the manner likely to be most effective.

NO DISCUSSIONS YET

He understood that it had not yet been possible for discussions to be commenced, but he was confident that the procedure he suggested would be seen, by those concerned, to be that best fitted to meet the national requirements of the defence programme with true regard for the interests of all those engaged in the industry.

Sir Thomas Inskip also denied that the Unions had asked for any guarantee in connection with foreign policy or any other matter.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S ANCIENT PACTS WITH PORTUGAL

London, To-day.
Referring to the treaty undertakings existing between the United Kingdom and Portugal, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, circulated, with the official Commons report, a statement that such undertakings were contained in treaties concluded respectively in the years 1373, 1386, 1642, 1660, 1661 and 1703, which had further been reaffirmed by Article Three of the Treaty of January 22nd, 1915, the Declaration of October 14th, 1899, and Arbitration Agreements on November 16th, 1904, and November 16th, 1914.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. PLANES FROM AMERICA

London, To-day.
Lord Winterton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, questioned in the Commons as to the possibility of the United States supplying military aircraft to the Royal Air Force said: "Definite exploratory action is being taken in regard to the possibility of the supply of aircraft for the Royal Air Force both from the United States of America and Canada."—British Wireless.

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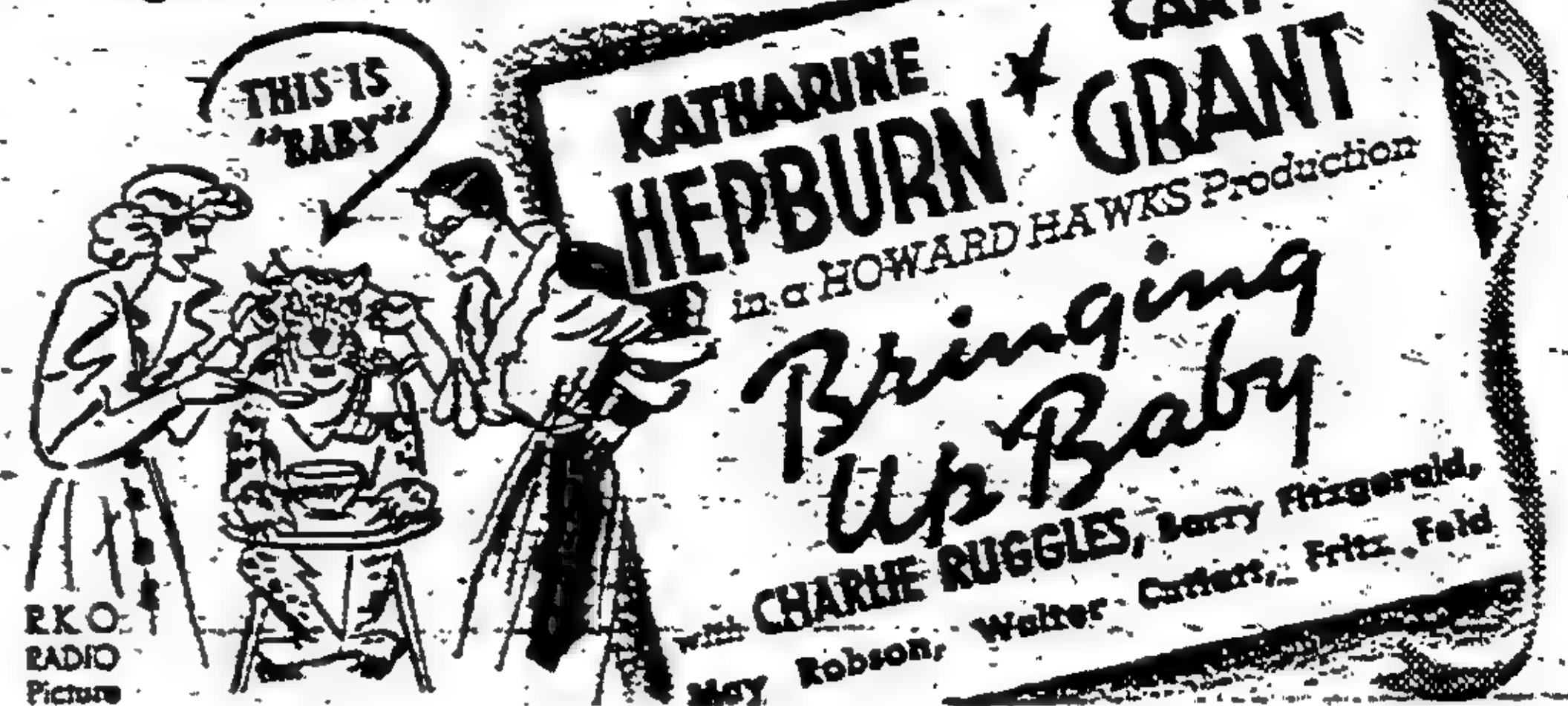
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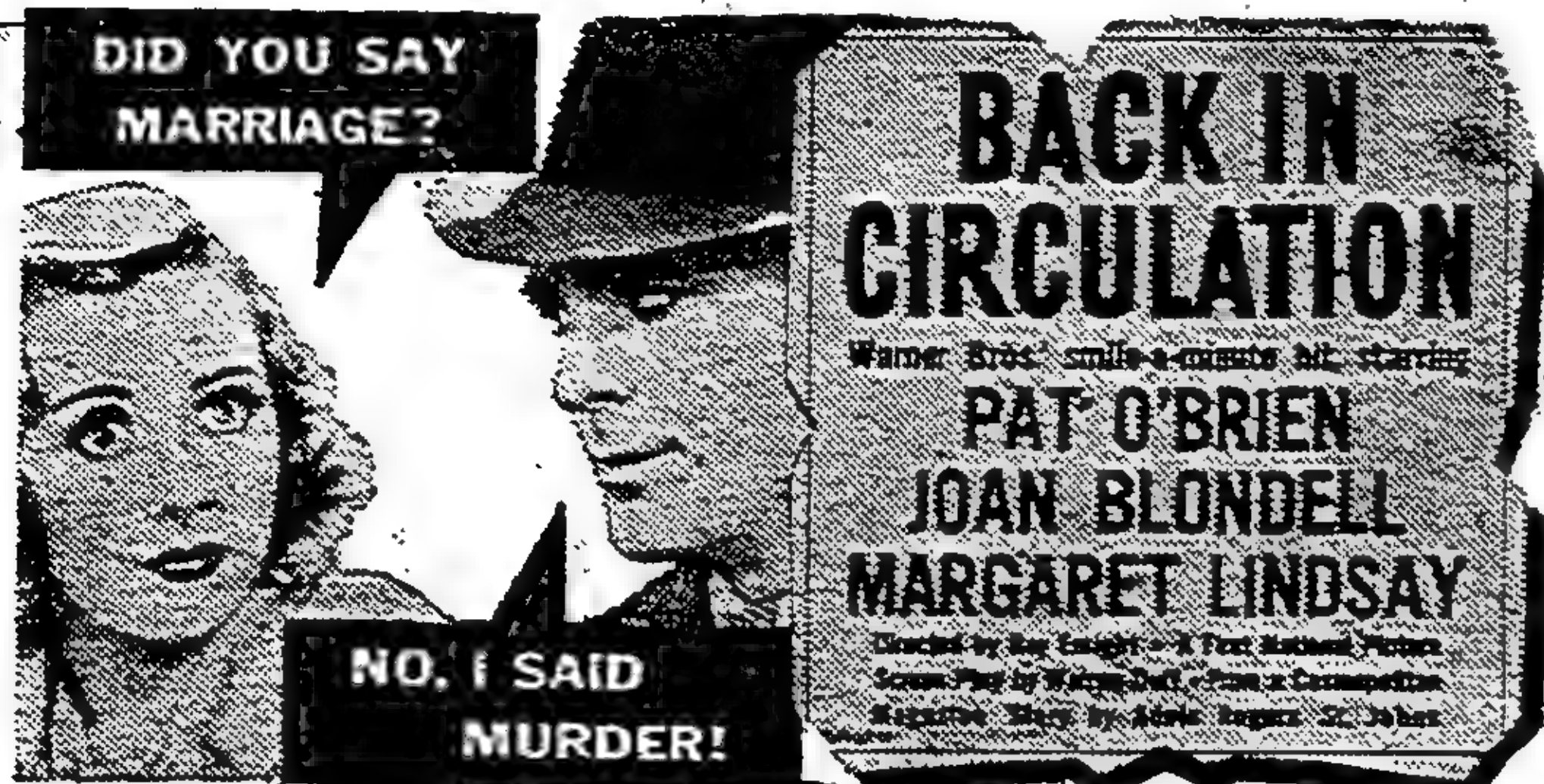
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INSURGENT ADVANCE ON MEDITERRANEAN AGAIN SLOWED DOWN

London, To-day.

The insurgent advance towards the east coast of the Mediterranean at present has been slowed down by strong Government resistance along the insurgents' original line of advance near Tortosa, which the Government is still vigorously defending.

A Republican communique issued in Barcelona states that the loyalist troops are meeting with successes near Lerida, where the Government is staging a counter-attack.

The insurgents are now attempting to break through to the Mediterranean coast further north of Tortosa.

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SIX WEEK'S DICTATORSHIP FOR DALADIER

Paris, To-day.

The Senate yesterday approved M. Edouard Daladier's Finance Bill by 288 votes to 1.

The official return of the Senate division was 290 votes to 0, and the vote was therefore unanimous. A Radical originally given as the only "No," later was included among the "Ayes."

The Chamber and Senate have now gone into Easter recess, giving M. Daladier a free hand for the next six weeks.—Reuter.

PUBLIC OPINION

Paris, To-day.

The Senate session yesterday was of short duration. In the course of a brief debate, the Rapporteur of the Senate financial committee announced that the committee had approved the Government's Finance Bill because it was being backed by public opinion all over the country, and hence would furnish the basis for an internal loan.

This contrasted with M. Leon Blum's Empowering Bill which had sought a solution by way of inflation.

The Chamber and Senate adjourned last evening until May 27. —Trans-Ocean.

IMPRESSIVE SPEECH

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, delivered a very impressive speech in the Senate just before his Finance Bill was passed.

He said he needed the unqualified confidence of the Senate. He was not asking it for himself or for the Government, but for France.

The attitude of the Senate would evoke an echo both in France and beyond French frontiers.

Loud applause from all parts of the Senate greeted his assertion that the national resurgence was already being felt.

GOOD PROSPECT

M. Daladier said he was well aware of the difficulties, but would meet them with all his strength.

Political circles generally believe that the new French Government has every prospect of being allowed by Parliament to remain until November in full charge of the ship of state.—Trans-Ocean.

RENT REPORT "BARREN"

Mr. Braga's Detailed Criticism Of Findings

FALSE STANDARDS OF VALUE FOR BASIC RENT

Sir, — The findings of the Rents Commission are now available to the public; they can be subject to fair and impartial criticism.

From the first, His Excellency the Governor showed personal concern with this perplexing housing problem. He revealed a solicitude for the public weal that has earned recognition and gratitude. It is surmised that a careful consideration of the various issues that had engaged His Excellency's attention led to the conclusion that "there was evidence that rents had risen and were rising and that tenants in certain cases were put into difficulty, not to say hardship." That much could be gathered from his statement in Council. "On that account," continued the Governor, "closer and more systematic investigation of the facts in relation to all relevant circumstances was necessary before such a far-reaching measure could properly be presented to the Council."

In the first place let it be noted that the fundamental grievance of the existence of hardship had been established to His Excellency's satisfaction, hence the appointment of the Commission.

The "far-reaching measure" Sir Geoffrey Northcote had in mind was the advocacy "that legislation should be passed at once which would give greater protection to the holders or existing tenancies than that which common law and local statutes now provide and, conversely, would restrict the existing rights and powers of landlords."

ROOT OF SITUATION

To complete the necessary background for an appreciation of these criticisms of the Commission's findings and so that no prejudice can be attributed to them, it must be remembered that the Commission's terms of reference included the wish for information in respect of "the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of Victoria and Kowloon, having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years, and the extent to which and the manners in which tenants and landlords have been and are being affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hong Kong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year."

The Commission found difficulty in giving "a continuous history" of the rise and fall of rents during the last ten years. On their own admission "this fact is of great significance and goes to the root of the present situation of rents in the Colony." No explanation is given for this statement. This is unfortunate. Tenants were unable to furnish that "continuous history."

TEN YEARS AGO

The fundamental level of ten years ago provides considerable useful data for the reasons I will now explain. For 1928-29, it will be remembered, a big surplus balance was recorded for Hong Kong. It fell to the Hon. Mr. (now Sir) Thomas Southorn to review the financial position of the Colony when presenting the Estimates for 1929. The Officer Administering the Government said on the 20th September, 1928: "The revenue of the Colony has shown a remarkable recovery. There is no doubt that the population of the Colony has been increasing during the year, and as the vacant houses are occupied an impetus is given to building operations and land purchase for which considerable funds seem to be available."

Our veteran (then senior) unofficial member, Sir Shou-son Chow, expressed the gratification of his colleagues when he spoke of estimated revenue for 1928 as likely to be exceeded by the sum of not less than \$2,571,000. That, he thought, might be taken as evidence that conditions in the Colony were gradually returning to normal. "The bigger demand for building

sites," the honourable senior unofficial member said, "could be taken as proof of a further increase in the population, as well as a healthy sign that confidence in the future of the Colony was being restored."

Hong Kong's revenue for 1928 exceeded the Estimates by \$4,865,009, and of that of the previous year by \$3,622,863, which prompted the official author of the preface to the Administration Reports for 1928 to indulge in a note of optimism when he wrote that "1928 showed a continuation of steady recovery in the financial and commercial position of the Colony."

CYCLICAL PERIOD

The quotations should carry conviction that Hong Kong had emerged out of the chaos created by the intensive anti-Hong Kong strike and boycott of 1925 to enter upon one of those cyclical prosperous periods during which there was much speculation in house property. To attain the best results under the concomitant conditions of a boom, rents were forced up in order that the investments in property might bear the most favourable relation between capital cost and interest yield.

This view places in doubt the ipse dixit of the Commission in para. 2 that the majority of property owners must be regarded as "legitimate investors." Not all will agree with their claim.

LOANS ON INSUFFICIENT MARGIN

Numerous changes of ownership arose out of the speculative spirit which sent prices up during the recovery period; these changes accompanied the inevitable reaction that set in and Hong Kong began to fall temporarily on evil days. This condition was aggravated by the failure of some of the native banks which created a panic bordering on an acute crisis. Good property in widely scattered areas was practically unsaleable. Such might have been the condition of the Colony that furnished, to quote verbatim from the report, "a wealth of evidence (presumably supplied by landlords themselves—J. P. B.) to prove that owners of house property were the victims of a disastrous slump during the years 1933 to 1937." The Commissioners were careful to guard themselves in the assertion that "no doubt there were during the last ten years cases of speculative building in which men of straw hoped to make a quick boom profit."

At the height of the speculation money was borrowed at high rates of interest. House property was bought on wholly insufficient margin. A tempting high rate of interest operated as the bait for smaller margin. A series of mortgagors' failures synchronized with inevitable foreclosures that followed in the wake of the incautious scramble to get rich quick.

In the present controversy the new owners successfully enlisted sympathy by the representation that current rentals suffer by comparison; they do not yield, they say, an economic return on their money.

A candid admission is obtained on page 10 of the cogency of the foregoing argument when the owners confess that they had "acquired the properties as mortgagees and entered into possession during the depression. . . . The net return with the proposed increases will not cover the interest charges on the amount advanced on mortgage."

FALSE STANDARD

It follows, therefore, that the overvaluation of property ten years ago does not furnish a true basis for purposes of comparison. The application of such a standard is misleading and conflicts with tenants' interests to-day. By contrast, cases can be cited of forced sales and foreclosures proving what a profitable yield the existing rentals supply. Here is an illuminating example of an investment of \$9,000 by a non-European landlady in a house in the European residential district of Kowloon from which she collects in rent the sum of \$180 per month. She had spent \$2,000 in reconditioning the premises. This may appear to be an extreme case; but if enquiry were to be pursued far enough other similar cases could be found as strikingly favourable to the landlord.

Whether cases of this type have been brought to the notice of the Commission, and whether the Commission, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the Commissioners' Powers Act of 1886, had subpoenaed any witnesses before them and elicited similar startling revelations, one cannot tell. This is a moot point of some importance, and is considered to be a determining factor for purposes of rental comparison. Without it only an *ex parte* case has been made out. That is one contention.

MILITATING EVIDENCE FACTORS

There are several reasons why the collection of material evidence has not been as complete as it should otherwise be. Its very incompleteness militates against the value of the report; the recommendations, accordingly, fall short of the requirements of the fundamental data. For example, there are the inherent shyness and timidity of a class of witnesses to appear before the Commissioners; the restraining influence of the language difficulty experienced by foreign tenants in some cases and illiteracy in others; and, lastly, fear of retaliation by landlords.

At the same time ample allowance must be made for the "hasty nature" (the phrase is of the Commissioners' own coining) of the inquiry, because of "the alleged urgency of the position and of the Chairman's pending departure from the Colony."

Impartially, no blame can be attached to the Commission. That much is granted. If they had not been placed in the position for a judicial sifting of cases in the interests of tenants the latter are at fault.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

It is learnt from the Report that complaints had been received from the Kowloon Residents' Association, and in a summary which a deputation from that Association presented to the Commission it was supposed that there were six cases of startling rent increases exceeding 150%. Some satisfactory explanation should be forthcoming as to why the Commission did not discover "any such huge increase as was alleged in the summary given by the Committee's deputation." It is inconceivable that such a representative body like the K.R.A. can be capable of gross exaggeration.

On salient fact emerges on the authority of the Government Assessor that "of the vacancies on his list at present not one was suitable for the Portuguese clerical class or European subordinates." (Page 15, para. 1).

There are so many factors influen-

cing rent that statements submitted by landlords must be subjected to close scrutiny before any valuable deduction can be made from them. The removal of disorderly houses from certain districts and their occupation by trades and professions capable of paying higher rents; the absence of water service and fireproof staircases and the provision of these in competitive premises have a very material influence in determining the value of rents, so that it is doubtful if the conclusion of the comparative figures submitted in several paragraphs can be accepted as incontestable proof in support of any deductions in the absence of material evidence in the other direction.

DOMESTIC PROBING

With all deference to the professional character of the composition of the Commission, I make the submission that the pursuance of the questioning to ascertain the number of domestics of a household in order to find out the tenant's ability to meet his rent is undignifying and outside the Commission's functions. The adequacy of the rent in proportion to the accommodation provided and its suitability are really what matter. The argument which the Commission makes, that the reduction in the wages of one servant by dispensing with him might have provided the amount which the tenant needed to meet the increased rent, is poor (page 16, para. 18). Its fallacy will be made more evident if the analogy is extended to say, the case of an individual earning a salary of \$2,000 or so a month. Does it necessarily follow that he should pay out a percentage in rent equal to that paid by his humbler fellow-citizens? If the argument is to hold, a percentage as high as 50% and more is not unknown. The case of a modest Chinese cashier in foreign employ, and another of a Filipina laundress, can be cited as specific instances by whom I have been approached. By further analogous arguing, there was nothing to prevent the Commission probing into a family's daily bill of fare, or the husband's drinks and "smokes," and the family amusement costs for cinema and other forms of recreation.

FARMING MONEY

An aspect of the question that does not appear to have been touched upon by the Commission is that of the farming of whole blocks of houses. To avoid having to deal with individual tenants of flats, not to speak of cubicles, owners make it a point of farming. The farmer agrees to lease the

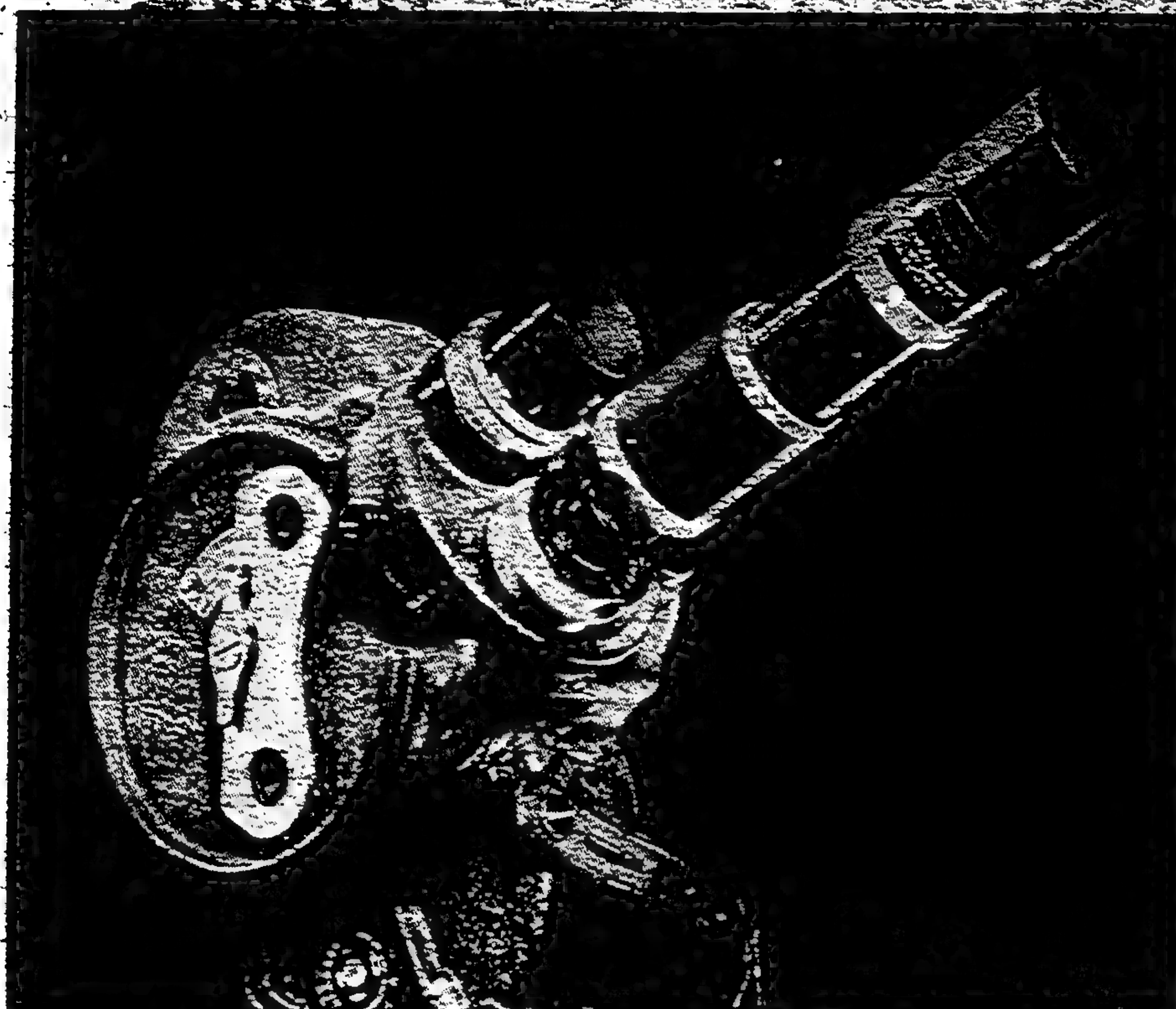
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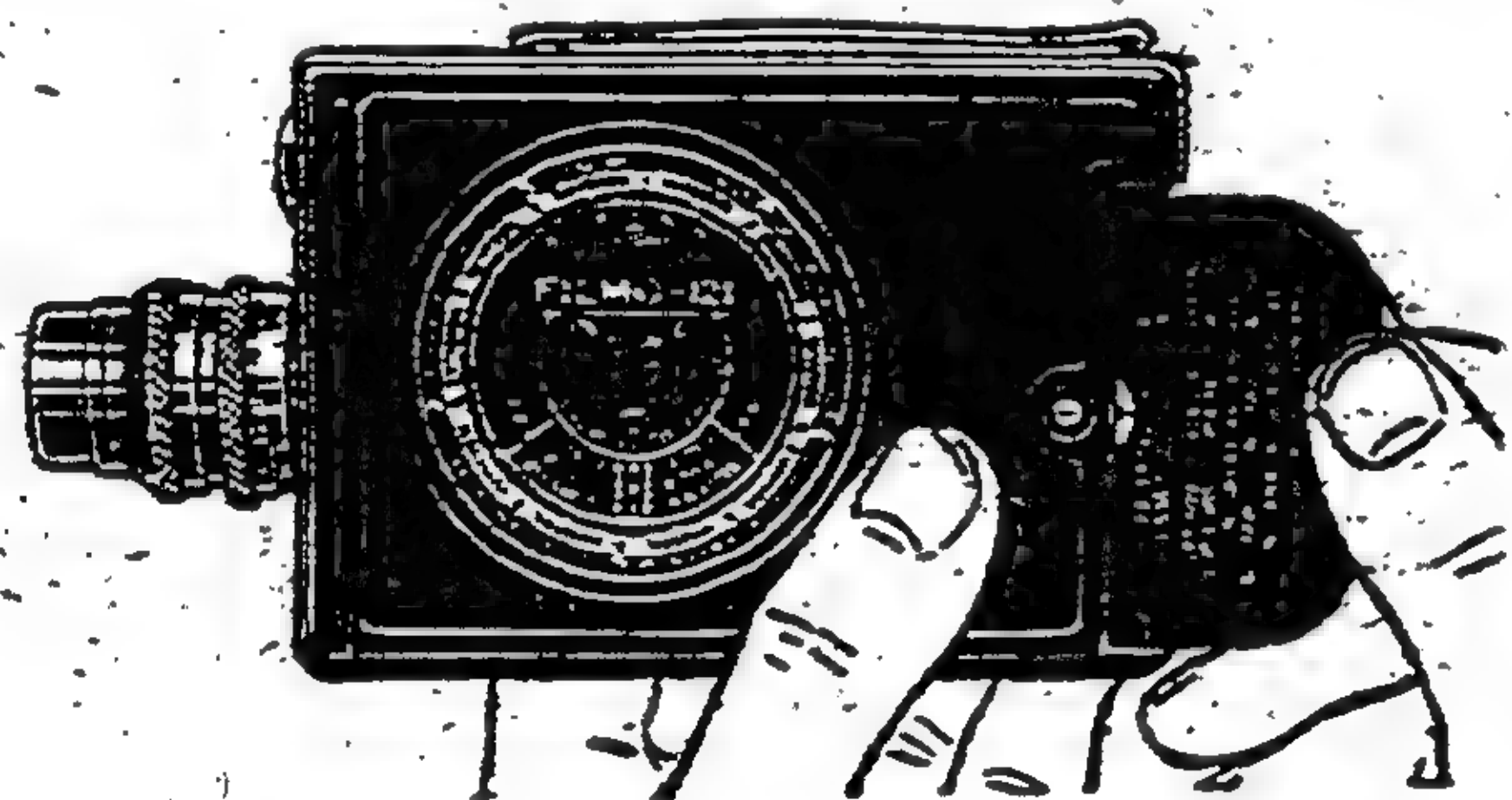
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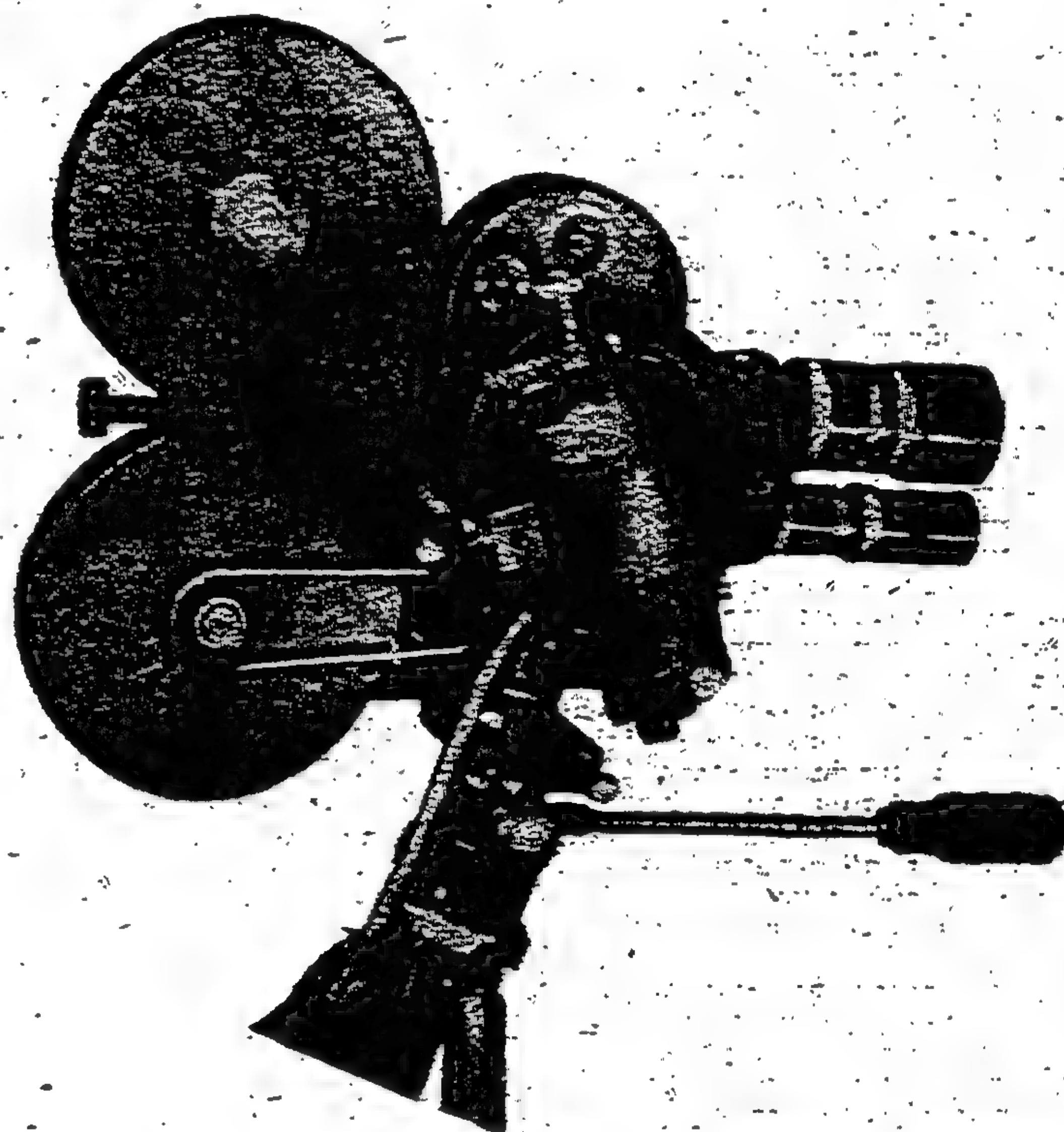
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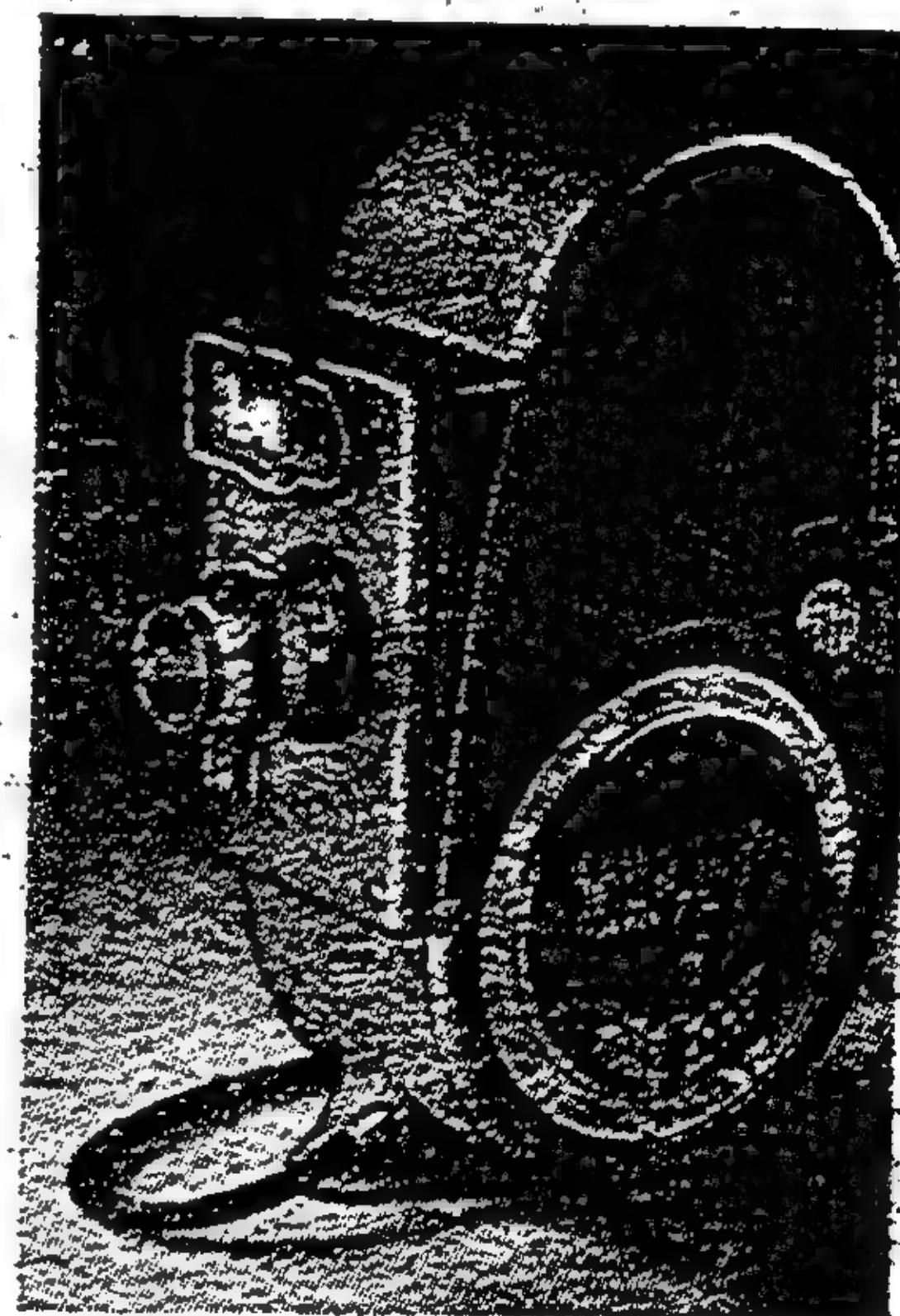
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RENT REPORT "BARREN"

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houses on a certain fixed rental; he in turn is free to let to whomever he pleases and at whatever rent that suits him best.

A hasty perusal of the Commission's report gives no inkling into the extent of the increase which the farmer receives from his sub-tenants. Strictly speaking, so far as the landlord is concerned, he appears before the Commission as impeccable; but the farmer who, in fact, replaces the owner becomes the real offender. My practical experience leaves me in no doubt as to the existence of this form of abuse. Quite often the farmer will allege to the landlord that a group of tenants intend vacating at the end of the month. Upon this so-called notice he traffics to the extent of letting the flat to new tenants, or permitting the existing to remain in occupation, for the consideration of a higher rent. Add to this the illicit "squeeze" assuming such euphonious designations as "key," "tea," or "shoe money," and it becomes apparent to what lengths the victimisation of sub-tenants is carried.

WATER RATE

To what extent the Commission has probed into one feature of the rent increases must remain a matter of conjecture. The report offers no elucidation. I refer to the question of water rates.

Several cases that have been brought to my notice remove all doubt that as an indirect method of adding increase upon increase of rent is the inclusion of water charges. When the housing shortage began to be felt, an increase of the original rent inclusive of water was made and conceded, followed by a salve of the landlord's conscience by the imposition of a surcharge ingeniously designated as water rate. The water rate fixed by the landlord was at one applicable to all tenants of the house. The building usually comprises three or four storeys let to as many tenants.

It is well to remember that the water rate is a determinable figure, and the landlord in placing it at anything higher than that figure is definitely mulcting his tenants in a higher rent in an indirect manner. He at the same time evades payment of taxes on the additional rent collected under a different name. To that extent the revenue of the Colony suffers for the benefit of the landlord. Herein Government intervention can be equitably invoked.

Certain landlords' intuition has definitely secured "the monetary benefit" to themselves out of any proposed change of the incidence of the water charge. I apprehend that they have forestalled the Financial Secretary, who, in his recent Memorandum on the Water Charge Question, landably seeks to protect the tenant, for he writes: "a transfer of charge would mean shifting the burden from the comparatively well-to-do to the poor. I regard such a shift of the burden as most undesirable because I greatly fear that the poor tenant will be found on balance to pay more as a result of the proposed changes in the collection of water charges, while the Hong Kong taxation system already taxes the poor more heavily in proportion to income than the wealthy." This is just what has been happening in very recent times. There will generally be agreement with the Financial Secretary when he says that "in the main the adjustment between landlord and tenant must be left to ordinary economic forces." It is greatly to be desired that careful note be taken of the Hon. Mr. S. Caine's recommendation. He urges that "in announcing the change of incidence of charge Government should make it clear that landlords are expected to adjust their rents in consequence and that in the last resort Government may refuse to instal separate meters for any landlord who is shown to have used the change solely to his own benefit." Where an adjustment has already been made detrimental to tenants' interests, the provisions of the new law should be made retroactive.

FAIRER BASIC RENT

A fairer basic rent for comparative purposes would have been that charged March. Sir Samuel was speaking on

CHAMBERLAIN AND GERMANY

London, To-day.

Asked whether the Government proposed to resume the conversations with the German Government, the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday said: "I at present have no statement to make on this subject."—Reuter.

just prior to the large increase in the population, i.e., in July of last year. Between that figure and the rent at, say, the beginning of this year an average could have been struck that would not have deprived the landlord of his just dues, at the same time leave tenants unmolested by a further increase which has threatened, and in many cases been enforced, since then. Extending the benefit further in landlords' favour, any rent (exclusive of the water surcharge) since agreed upon between the two parties might be left untouched. The principle of reciprocal contract thus remains inviolate.

EVICCTIONS PROHIBITION

The Commission is unfortunately committed to the conclusion that "legislation prohibiting evictions alone without at the same time restricting increases of rent would prove useless." It was a most serious grievance that had given cause for so much dissatisfaction—landlords' insistence on eviction. This unbending attitude of certain landlords is notorious. Under the existing laws landlords may summarily throw out resident tenants for the benefit of passing visitors. Tenants are on good ground when they voice complaint against a form of tyranny which is exercised without compunction. The plight of families tenants is truly distressing. Their utter helplessness excites the greatest sympathy. For them an urgent appeal is made. It looks very much as if this appeal must fall on deaf ears.

If prosperity reaching Hong Kong in consequence of the recent great growth of population has to be purchased at the expense of so much anxiety and distress; and if Hong Kong is to earn the unenviable reputation of being an expensive port for the profit of landlords and a larger colonial revenue from assessed taxation, then let this Colony abandon a form of prosperity so dearly purchased and so unpopularly acquired.

"WAITING BRIEF"

The Commission makes but one final recommendation (p. 21, para. 4). It is one, however, that conveys little comfort and less relief to the sufferers. It recommends that a watch might be kept on landlords' actions after the submission of the report. What good this recommendation can achieve, and to what extent it is going to lighten tenants' burden, it does not say. It offers no palliative for, much an eradication of, the evil against which so loud a voice has been raised. What is going to be the Government's exercise of authority and watch over landlords' actions, again the Commission does not say. Do the members expect that that each individual case of complaint shall be brought to the notice of the Government? And, if so, where is the constituted authority to receive complaints and act upon them when they call for prompt and summary decision? In the absence of a legally created tribunal, to await the creation of the necessary practical machinery would be to relegate to the Greek Kalends satisfaction for aggrieved parties.

AN APOLOGY

I plead limitations of space and time for what, after all, must be a very hurried and imperfect review of a report of absorbing interest. The Commission's report contains much that provides excellent material for a prolonged controversy that cannot adequately be dealt with in a single review within the compass of a newspaper letter.

It is apposite to the serious consideration of the problem under discussion for reference to be made, in conclusion, to the statement by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, in the House of Commons on the 22nd

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said in the House of Commons yesterday that he was at present reviewing the whole question of procedure to be followed in regard to claims filed with Consular officers in China.

If it appeared that immediate presentation was in the best interests of the claimants themselves, and if it was generally feasible, he would be willing to give instructions for adoption of this procedure.

HANKOW RAID MISFIRES

Hankow, To-day.

A Chinese Aviation Commission communique issued yesterday stated that 60 Japanese planes twice attempted to raid Hankow yesterday afternoon.

The raiders failed to reach the city owing to bad weather conditions.—Reuter.

BOCCA TIGRIS SHELLED

Canton, To-day.

Two Japanese gun-boats shelled Bocca Tigris Forts yesterday afternoon, but failed to cause any damage.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18% and forward at 18 1/2%.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9768 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.983/8.

His Excellency the Governor, who is proceeding to Fanling Lodge on Sunday afternoon, is returning to Government House on Tuesday morning.

the plight of the Austrian refugees. He said that "while doubtless there was a general desire to maintain the traditional policy in Britain of offering an asylum to persons who, for political, racial and religious reasons, had to leave their own country, there were on the other hand obvious objections to any policy which would aggravate unemployment, housing and other social problems."

COLONY'S GOOD NAME

It is just this matter of housing that is of immediate concern to the Colony and so vital to its good name. At no time is it advocated that Hong Kong should bar its door to the admission of distressed people who seek sanctuary within our gates. Hong Kong's traditional hospitality has been earned on a policy of broad-mindedness based on some little sacrifice here and a little more benevolence there. Is it not worth the while of the Colony's minded citizens, and of the Government's discharge of its obvious obligation to cherish unimpaired its traditional hospitality, to surrender some of the unearned increment, and leave in peace and contentment the submerged tenth who have a real struggle to provide for themselves and their dependants the necessities of life? Theoretically, the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry appeared a logical course. In practice, enough has been said to establish the barrenness of any satisfactory results.

J. P. BRAGA.

The reply was given to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Conservative), who had asked whether any claims for compensation for damage to British property in Shanghai, other than already reported to the House, had been presented to the Japanese Government, and if not, when it was proposed to present them.

He also asked whether such steps would be taken without further delay seeing that the war had moved away from Shanghai and of the serious suffering inflicted on innocent Britons.

SETTLEMENT INVASION

In a supplementary question, Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked that particular attention be paid to claims for damage to British property in view of the invasion of the northern and eastern parts of the International Settlement.

Mr. Butler said he would certainly consider all these matters.—Reuter.

ANSCHLUSS

Berlin, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador has informed the German Foreign Office that China has decided to recognise the anschluss and will replace the Legation in Vienna with a Consulate.—Reuter.

H. E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote is to dine with the President and Members of the Society of Yorkshiresmen at the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday next week.

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RENTS REPORT

If the Report of the Rents Commission had been drafted by a landlord for landlords, no stronger case could have been presented for the protection of these victims of 'undeserved odium' from the slanderous snivellings of an impecunious tenantry snared in the maze of Economic Rent. When that has been said, there remains very little that can usefully be added. To escape the impression of special pleading with which the document is burdened from beginning to end would defy, we dare suggest, the most sympathetic approach: even that which concedes the magnitude and difficulty of the task assigned to the Commission, the haste with which it was rushed through against the wiser judgment of the Members of the Commission, and the inevitability of the employment of the most persuasive big guns of landlord interests against the wee, small voices of unorganised complainants. Continuous references to "witnesses of importance" tell a story far more revealing in the final analysis than all the ingenious, genuine or ingenuous reasons advanced for non-intervention in a situation which we suggest has been inadequately explored.

It would be stupid to argue, particularly on purely economic grounds, against a great many of the findings, and submissions buried within a voluminous Report. That would be to misrepresent the facts as seriously as were it contended that all landlords, whether individual property owners or large limited liability companies, were guilty of flagrant profiteering. Heavy losses suffered during depression years can undoubtedly be proved up

to the hilt. But even on such points as this, the Commission is frequently naive and maladroit in argument. The Report pays too scant attention to the primary causes of depression losses. The emphasis is warped when the impression is conveyed that low rents were wholly to blame for landlords' difficulties when if the community is to be credited with any intelligence, it must be well known that the real cause was row on row of empty flats erected by speculative builders on borrowed money. This, more than any other factor, discovers the landlords described as unable to pay five per cent. on a 60 per cent. valuation, and they, by the mere process of filling up at or near economic levels, have already begun substantially to recoup themselves. For many of the rest, it may be pertinent to ponder exactly what difference lies between them and the H.K. Engineering and Construction Company, whose annual meeting with its reference to the rents question, coincided aptly with the publication of the Report. Incidentally, the charge of special pleading arises most sharply in the Commission's Illustrations from Written and Oral Evidence. The case for tenants is there confined to what must be among the three weakest instances which could possibly be urged in support of any demand for Government interference, followed by scores of citations of facts by landlords. It is true that mention is made of hard cases making bad law, but it is equally true that not one line of evidence displaying the circumstances of a typical hard case intrudes upon the even tenor of the Commission's way. There is, moreover, nothing whatever in the Report to suggest that the Commission, concentrating its attention on the economic aspects, has shown any sound sense of appreciation of the real gravity of the Colony's lack of accommodation. It succeeds with astonishing agility in evading the refugee problem and approaches the issue as though the situation were static: a mere matter of adjustment of present population to existing accommodation. It refers to the possibility of Government entering on construction if private enterprise will not, but deprecates the idea in the next breath. The nearest it achieves to a solution is the startling idea that the community might embark upon a colossal house-moving, with everybody moving one peg down the social scale until the lowermost are hustled out to sleep in the streets or take themselves hence to a more habitable territory. The Commission, in harmony with an economic philosophy of cold cynicism, repudiating any Government responsibility for housing, sees no cause whatever for inhibitions; makes no mention of the possible emergence of a Fair Rents Court (at the institution of which neither tenant nor landlord could complain); but on the other hand, by the nature of its general conclusions, now proclaims pre-depression rent levels as the landlords' Excelsior point, free of risk of legislation. Publication of this Report was a mistake.

CHINESE PRESSURE AT TSAOCHWANG

Japanese Reinforcements Fail To Turn Battle

Refugees Pouring Into Shanghai

Hankow, To-day.

The battle for Tsaochwang continued yesterday with undiminished violence, and with no sign of a definite turn in either direction being evident. Although the Japanese have received large reinforcements they have not been able to make any headway.

The Chinese operations are being directed by Gen. Li Chung-jen, Gen. Pai Chung-hsi and Gen. Ching Hsien.

While the Japanese are making feverish attempts to repair the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line between Tsinanfu and Taianfu, the Chinese have again destroyed the stretch between Taianfu and Yenchow. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE COMMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

No answer was made by the Japanese spokesman to-day when pressmen made enquiries about the fighting on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

The spokesman said he was unable to give any information as "our actions on that front have not yet terminated." — Trans-Ocean.

SHANGHAI GUERRILLAS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese spokesman yesterday claimed that 3,000 Chinese irregulars who, armed with rifles and pistols, had been harassing the Japanese constantly in the neighbourhood of this city, had now been "wiped out."

The Chinese, he said, had been carrying out their activities principally in the district between Chwansha and Chowpuchen.

STREAMS OF REFUGEES

In contradiction to the spokesman's claim, however, is the fact that a stream of refugees has been pouring into Shanghai for

several days past from the surrounding country.

Evacuation of their farms by these peasants is held to indicate that Chinese irregulars are still active in the near vicinity of Shanghai. — Trans-Ocean.

ADVANCE ON YIHSIEN

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese vanguards on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front yesterday morning reached a point only four kilometres west of Yihsien.

About 2,000 Japanese troops at Kuolichi, north of Yihsien, have moved in a north-east direction to Hsianchen to support the Japanese forces in that area, and at present are engaged by the Chinese in the vicinity of Shuiquo.

Meanwhile, a message from Hsuechow states that Shuangshan was occupied by the Chinese encircling Yihsien, and severe fighting is progressing.

The message adds that Chinese columns from Tenghsien have taken Tsoshan and Chit-sun, north of Tsaochwang, forcing the Japanese to retreat to the north-east.

Information reaching Hankow, allegedly from Japanese sources, states that General Isogai was killed or wounded in action. — Reuter.

BRITISH SHIP SEES JAPANESE PLANE CRASH

With machine-guns trained ready for immediate action, two Japanese planes flew over the British-owned vessel, "Ping Wo" yesterday afternoon near Chek Wan while the ship was on her voyage from Canton to Hong Kong.

According to the crew of the ship which arrived in the harbour yesterday evening, as the Ping Wo was approaching Chek Wan, a Japanese destroyer, belonging to the 23rd Flotilla, was seen cruising along the coast.

A few minutes later two planes soared over the Ping Wo with their machine guns trained on the vessel.

No attempt to signal the vessel to stop was made.

PLANE CRASHES

A little later one of the machines in making a turn suddenly powered and crashed into the ocean.

A motor-launch from the Japanese destroyer was hastily despatched to the spot and managed to rescue one pilot, who was taken aboard the gun-boat. The other aeroplane disappeared.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN SHANTUNG

Peiping, To-day.

A Japanese communique claims that "complete order prevails in all the larger towns in Shantung."

Especially mentioned are Tsinanfu, Chefoo and Weihaiwei.

The communique, however, admits that Chinese irregulars are active, and says that a number of Japanese regiments have been detailed to "wipe out these pests."

Messages from Anhwei also report a renewal of Chinese guerilla activity.

SHAOPENGPU ATTACK

Thus the town of Shaopengpu, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, was attacked by a force of some 500 irregulars yesterday afternoon.

The raiders were finally driven off but not until the Japanese had suffered heavily.

Yesterday morning another detachment of irregulars attacked Japanese outposts at Shangyao. The Japanese soldiers, who were still asleep when the alarm was given, only repelled the attackers after several hours fighting. — Trans-Ocean.

Big "Sabotage" Fire In Japanese Supply Depot In Hongkew

Shanghai, To-day.

A huge and mysterious blaze broke out shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in an open yard containing horse fodder next to the munitions wharf on the Osaka Shosen Kaisha wharf, the most important point of import for Japanese war supplies into Shanghai.

The fire, origin of which has not yet been ascertained, spread over a distance of 400 square feet, destroying large quantities of straw and charcoal.

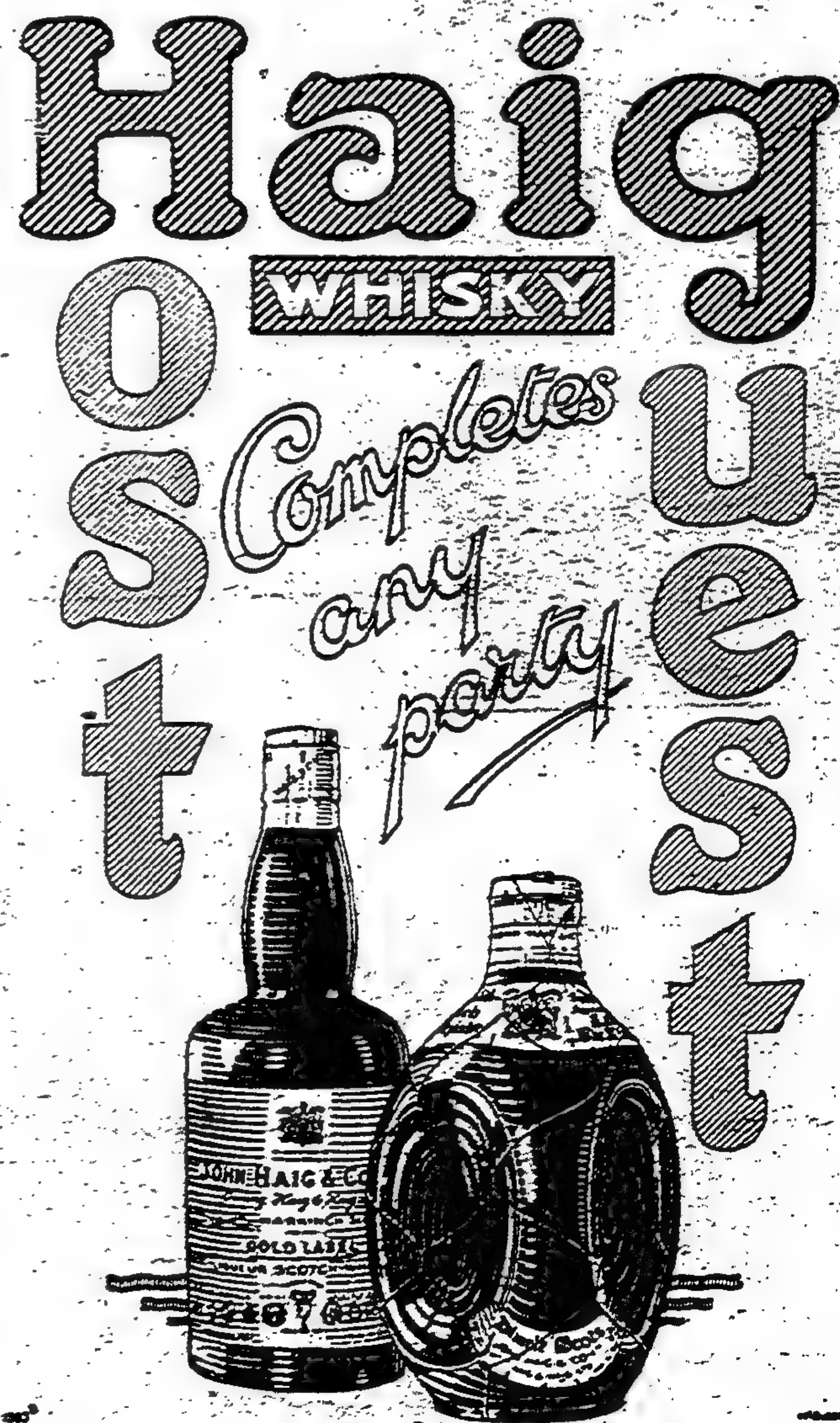
The flames were only got under control after five hours of strenuous fighting by the Chinese and Settlement firemen to prevent it reaching the adjoining magazine.

Foreign sources state they heard several shots previous to the outbreak, but this is not confirmed.

During the day the wharf was

swarming with Chinese prisoners who were used in unloading supplies.

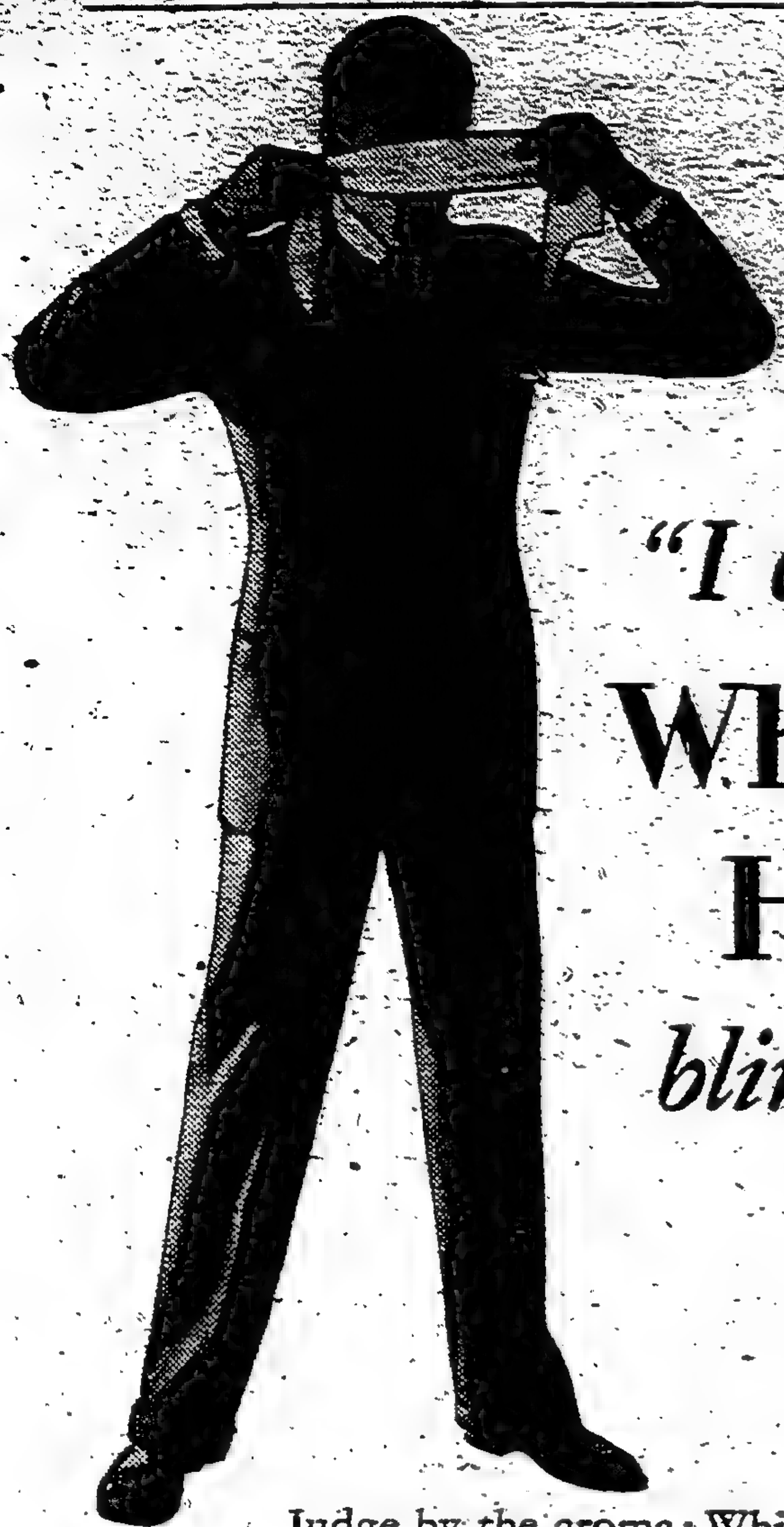
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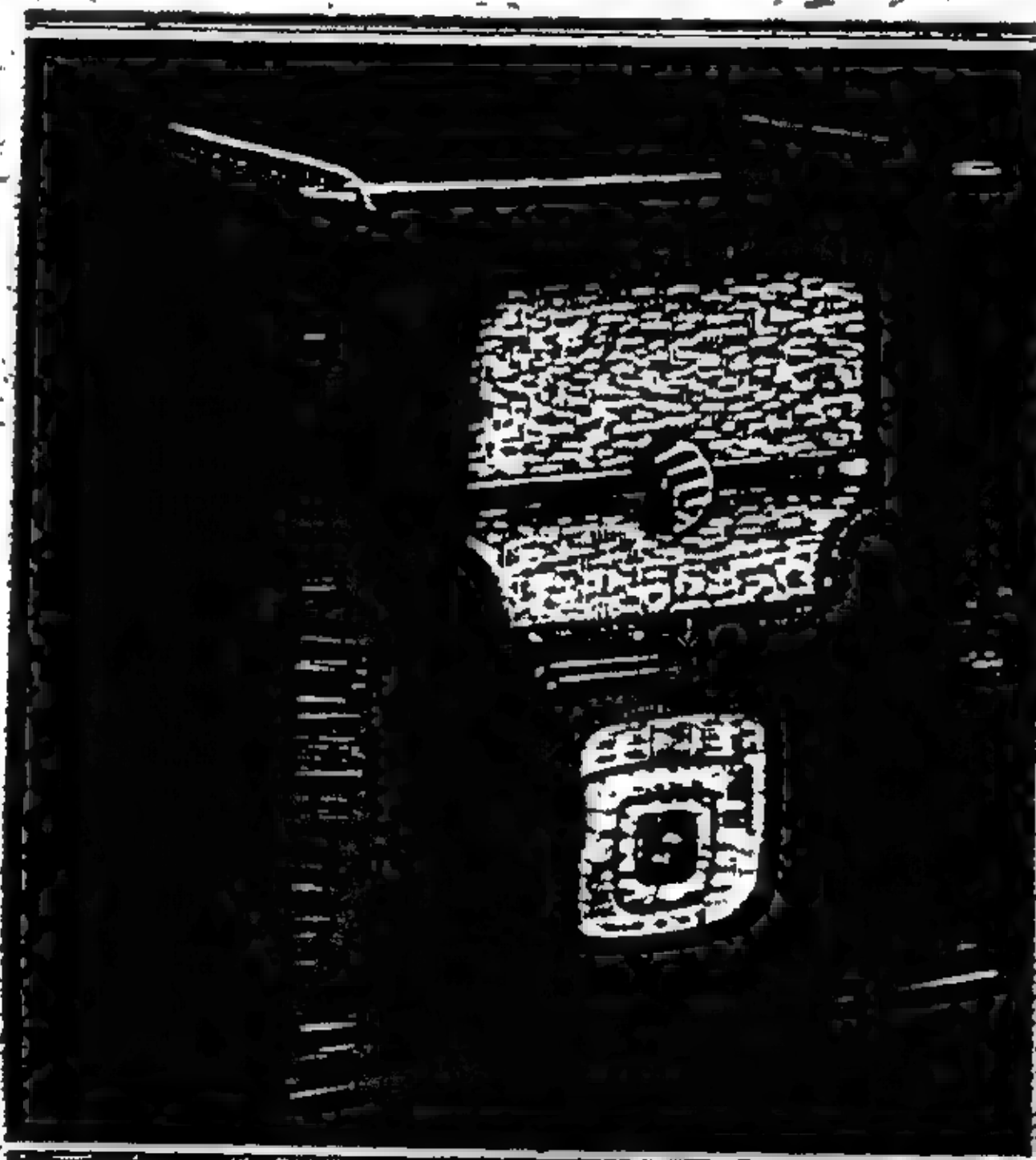
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Mexico Rejects British Request For Return Of Property

Mexico City, To-day.

President Cardenas' reply, refusing the British Government's request for return of the expropriated oil properties, states that the expropriation was carried out on the ground of public interest.

The Mexican Government could not admit that the severity of the measure was disproportionate to the exigencies of the situation.

THE NOTE VIGOROUSLY DENIES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT THAT THE EXPROPRIATION HAD A POLITICAL CHARACTER, AND ADDS THAT THE MEXICAN EAGLE COMPANY, AS A NATIONAL ENTITY SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF MEXICO, WAS NOT ENTITLED TO REDRESS BY FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION, AND THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE BRITISH NOTE SIMPLY AS A PROTEST.

The note alleges that the action of the foreign oil companies constituted contempt of court in the face of the highest tribunal in the land. (This refers to the upholding by the Supreme Court of Mexico of the Labour Board's ruling against the companies).

COMPANIES' RESISTANCE

The Mexican Government's failure to promote understanding is due to the companies' resistance and the claims of economic incapacity to pay the amounts given against them by the High Court.

The principle purpose of resistance was to cause the Mexican Government economic and political difficulties.

CAPACITY TO PAY

The note concludes that Mexico's determination to pay for the expropriated properties has been publicly declared all over the world.

Capacity to pay is a real and certain fact, and it therefore cannot be said that there has been either a denial of justice or a breach of the principles of international law. —Reuter.

RICKETT AGAIN BAULKED

New York, To-day.

According to the "New York Times," the negotiations between Mr. F. W. Rickett, the British financier, and the Mexican Government have been definitely dropped.

Mr. Rickett, it will be recalled, was trying to negotiate for purchase of the majority of oilfields in Mexico for British and American interests. —Reuter.

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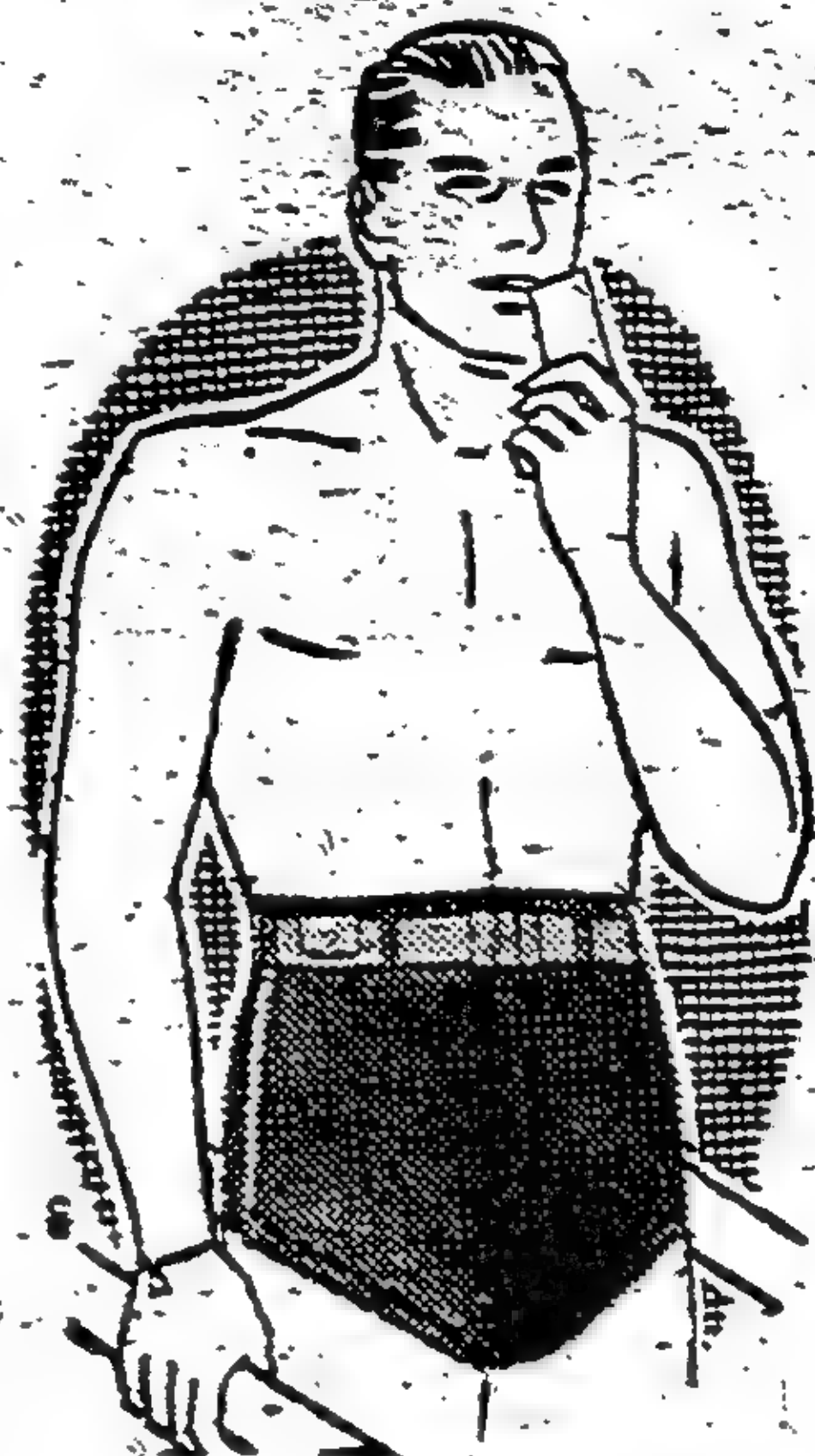
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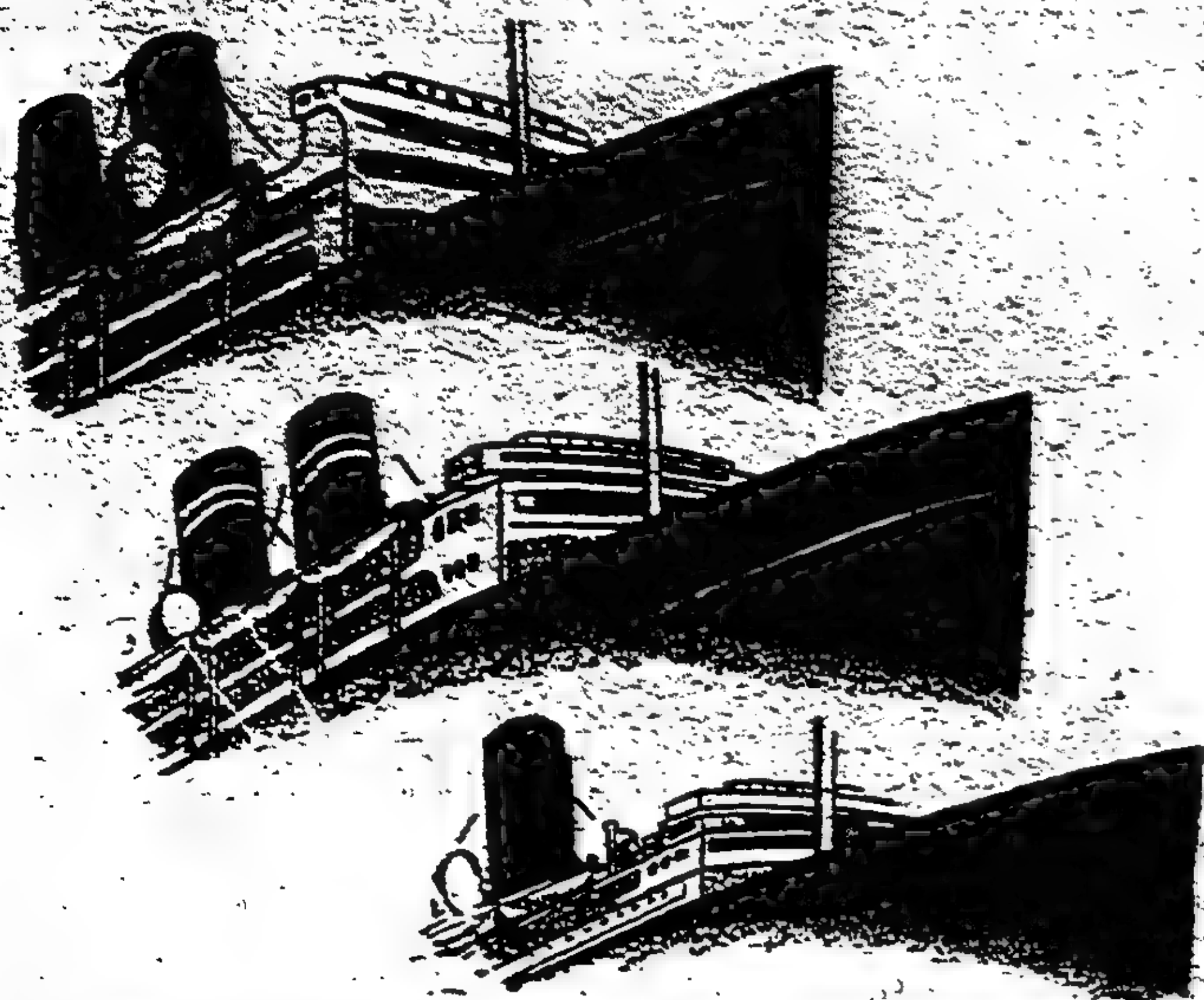


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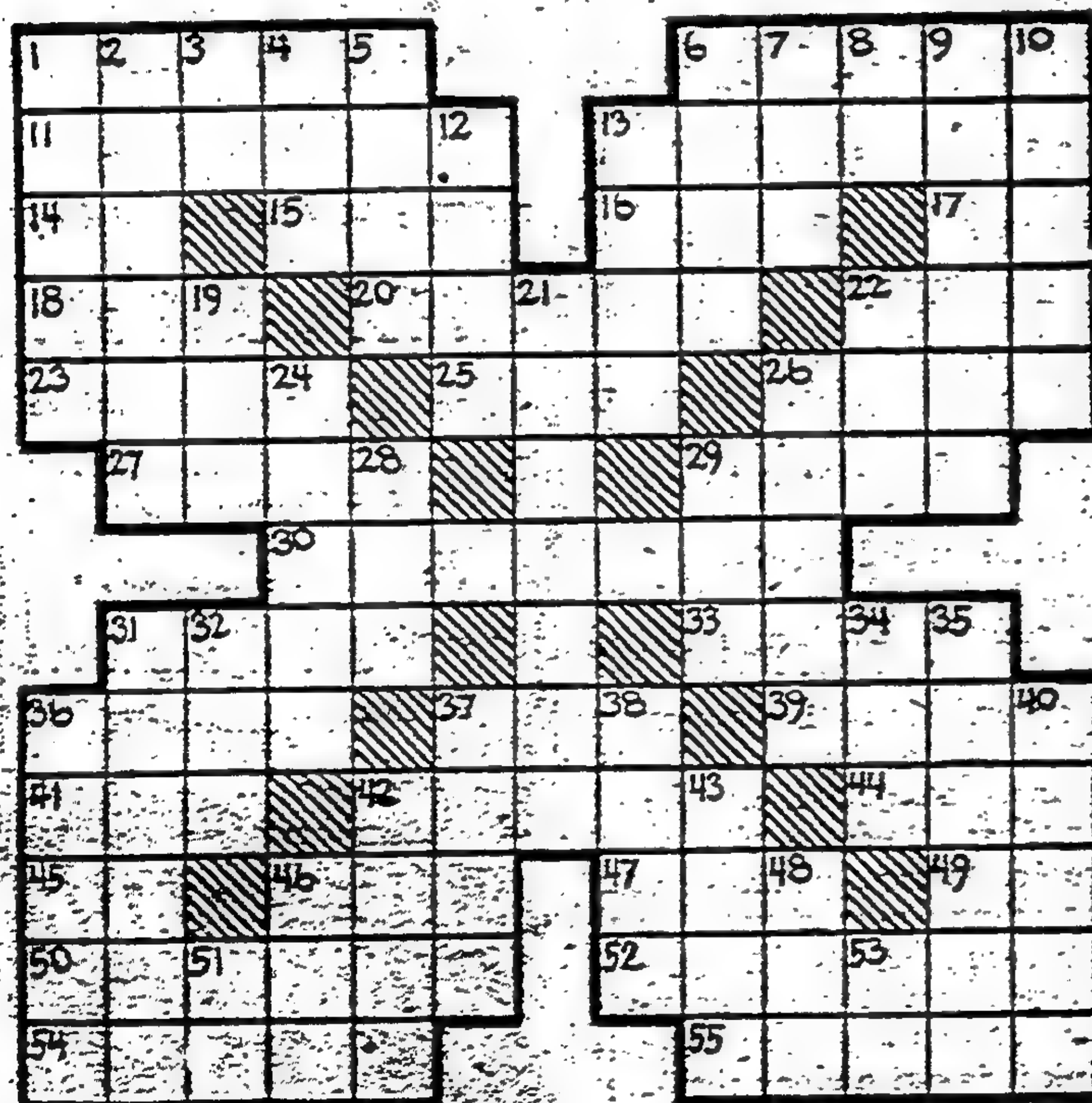
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- 14-Depart
- 15-Writing fluid
- 16-Terminate
- 17-A weight measure (abbr.)
- 18-Piece cut
- 20-Prongs
- 22-Golf mound
- 23-Valley
- 25-Pinch
- 26-Two-wheeled vehicle
- 27-Claw
- 29-Interdicts
- 30-Eats little bits
- 31-A hardened mass
- 33-Examine
- 36-Marshes
- 37-Condensed moisture
- 38-Grade
- 41-A rodent

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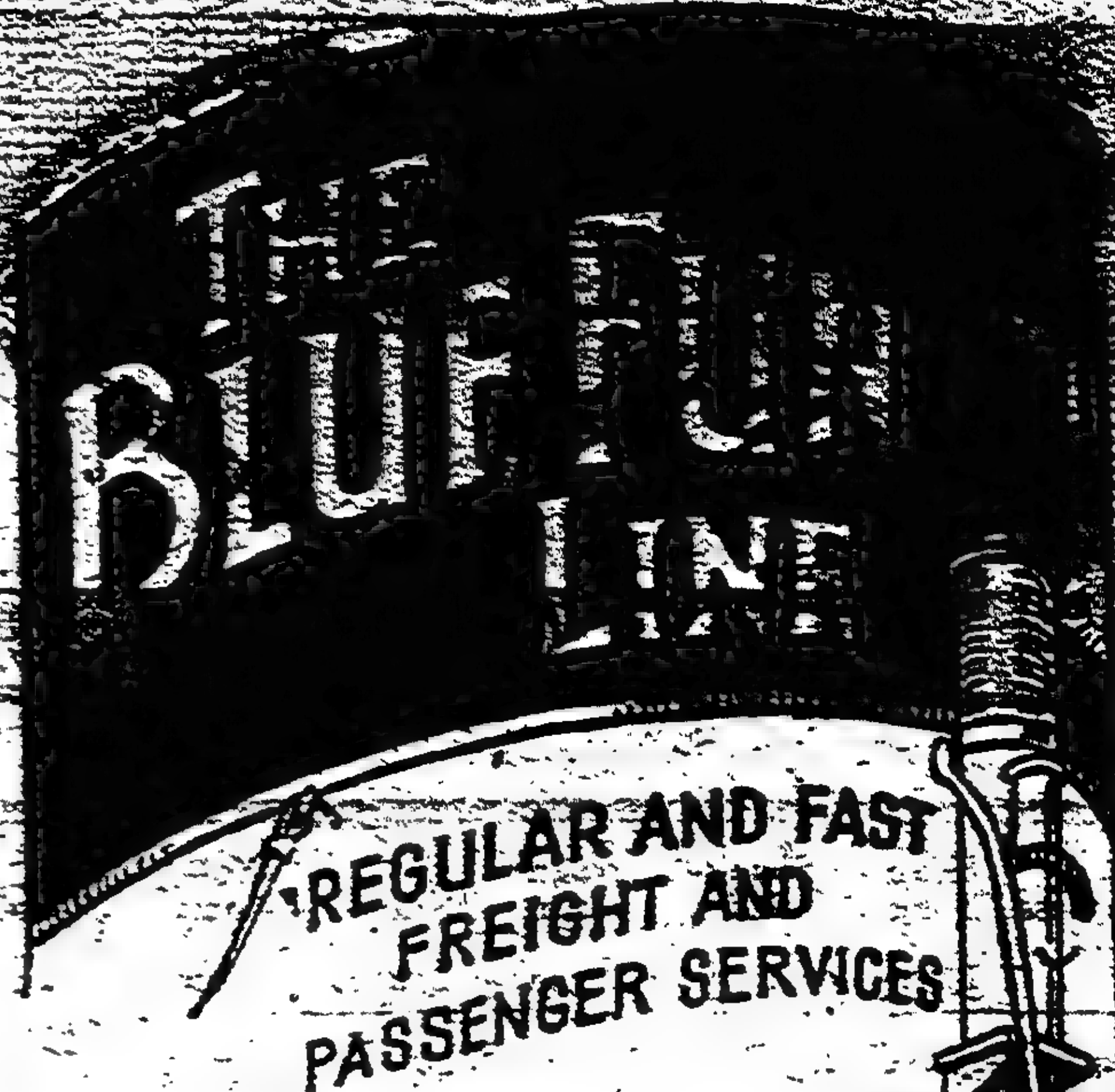
- 42-Openings in the skin
- 44-Mariner
- 45-Bone (Lat.)
- 46-A container
- 47-Taste
- 49-Ast
- 50-Part of a fower (pl.)
- 52-Three-legged stand for holding cooking vessels
- 54-Russian title (pl.)
- 55-Agitates

VERTICAL

- 1-Incited
- 2-Shattered
- 3-Prefix Twice
- 4-Prefix Upon
- 5-Scar
- 6-Japanese coin (pl.)
- 7-Conjunction
- 8-A college degree (abbr.)
- 9-Aquatic animal (pl.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10-Dogma
- 12-Covering of the body
- 13-Percolate
- 19-Note in Guido's scale
- 21-More agile
- 22-Cure hides
- 24-Unit
- 26-Boxes
- 28-Falseness
- 29-A wagger
- 31-Stop
- 32-An insect
- 34-Drunkard
- 35-Trapper
- 36-Freezing weather
- 37-Carlines
- 38-The Occident
- 40-Goes with a steady jogging pace
- 42-Chorus
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- 48-Deep hole
- 51-Father
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BRITAIN AND RAW MATERIAL CONTROVERSY

London, To-day.

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the Earl of Plymouth, replying in the Lords to a debate on the International distribution of raw materials, to which attention was called in the report of the Raw Materials Committee of the League of Nations said there were definitely certain fallacies which were prevalent with regard to this subject.

For instance, it was thought that this problem of accessibility of raw materials was one which was capable of solution by individual action on the part of His Majesty's Government.

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REPLY TO LEAGUE

"His Majesty's government have now sent a reply to the League of Nations in which they say they are in general agreement with the principle formulated by the Committee, with which, in fact, their policy conforms. It would be necessary, they go on to say, to know the views of other Governments concerned before deciding that the time is ripe for action in the matter."

"I think it is quite clear that any Convention embodying principles such as these could be of no real value unless the principal Governments concerned agreed to participate and give effect to these principles."

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"It must be clear that the difficulty is not one which isolated action on the part of His Majesty's Government can of itself remove. It cannot be denied that recent political events have rendered an immediate settlement of this economic problem even more difficult than it was before."

"I am afraid we cannot deny the fact but I want to make it quite clear that this does not mean that His Majesty's Government have given up hope of a solution of many international economic difficulties on the lines which Monsieur van Zeeland has adumbrated in his Report."

"On the other hand, His Majesty's Government are hopeful that the atmosphere may improve very quickly and that it may be possible at a not very distant date, once again actively to explore and pursue this difficult question. Although I am not able to say how—we still hope, before long, to find by that means and through that channel, a way of bringing about a far-reaching settlement of the problems of world trade."—British Wireless.

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MILITARY ROADS CLOSED

The following roads now under construction by the Military Authorities will be closed from to-day until such time as they are fit for traffic:—

- Road to Chung Am Kok from the point where it leaves the existing main road to Stanley.
- Road to Collinson Head from where it leaves the Shek-O Road.
- Clear Water Bay Road beyond the "marsh" near Sheung Yeung Village.
- Road, Shatin Pass—Grasscutters Pass—Tate's Cairn—Sleeper's Knoll from the Shatin Pass Police Station to its junction with Jat Pass.

TIN QUOTA

Kuala Lumpur, To-day. European and Chinese tin producers in Malaya have requested the High Commissioner to cable the Colonial Office to grant a substantial increase in the tonnage allotted to Malaya by the International Tin Committee.—Reuter.

CANTON TRADE RETURNS

A most comprehensive publication covering the yearly returns of the foreign trade of Kowloon and of the interport trade of Canton, has made its appearance.

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H. D. Rumjahn (holder) v Tsui Yan-pui. Match abandoned with scores (Rumjahn first) 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 4-4.

THE fact that this match lasted two hours, remained unfinished after that time because of failing light and went to the fifth set, was not the most remarkable feature of this dour struggle on the Stand Court.

RATHER IT WAS THE COMPLETE REVERSAL OF FORM OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL FIGURES. ON THEIR SHOWING YESTERDAY, ONE WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNISED EITHER THE YOUTHFUL TSUI YAN-PUY OR THE VETERAN H. D. RUMJAHN AS THE PLAYERS IN ACTION A FEW DAYS PREVIOUS.

As is now local tennis history, "H. D." against Willie Hung last Thursday, won his match through sheer determination. There is little more that can be said about his game, which was a shadow of its one-time consistent brilliance.

On the other hand, Tsui Yan-pui, in beating Paul Kong, a seasoned player with years of experience behind him, gave the impression that the day was not far distant when he would oust his brother from that eminent pinnacle he now occupies as the acknowledged Hong Kong tennis player No. 1.

Comparable to Best Ever

Yesterday "H.D." displayed form comparable to his best ever, in the first two sets, when he was virtually unstoppable. Unlike his performance in his previous outing, his forehand drive which failed him so pathetically on that occasion, worked like clockwork and although attacked severely in the early stages by a man who was evidently working on knowledge gained by observation, it improved as the game progressed and was ever an important adjunct to the champion's many attacking movements.

In complete contrast, Tsui, normally so polished a stroke player and so adequately equipped to deal with anything, during those two sets which he lost, was uncertain to the point of embarrassment. He

quickly gave up all idea of hitting his drives and contented himself with attempting to keep the ball in play, whilst maintaining a more or less respectable length. As an occasional variant, he introduced into a driving rally a poorly executed drop-shot which, more often than not, acted as a boomerang and resulted in a point for Rumjahn.

Assumed Ascendancy

The latter after winning the first set, raised his game several points and assumed an ascendancy that made all thought of other than a straight set-victory in his favour, appear quite out of the question.

His drives on both hands sought out the corners with unerring accuracy as a preliminary for a volleying coup, while his volleys on both hands were made with such crispness that outright winners were the order rather than the exception.

Tsui, in desperation, tried hard to stem the tide by aggressive means. Banking on his usual sureness with anything off the ground below the shoulder, he went into the net at the slightest provocation

TSUI WAI PUI MEETS S. A. RUMJAHN TO-DAY

Stand Court Match

An interesting tennis match should be witnessed on the Stand Court, at the H.K.C.C. this afternoon, when Tsui Wai-pui a former holder and favourite for this year's title, meets S. A. "Sirdar" Rumjahn, also a former holder, and last year's runner-up, in their top-half semi-final round encounter.

Other matches in to-day's programme are as follows:—
Handicap Mixed Doubles
H. Owen Hughes and Miss J. Smith (—15.2) or Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine (scr.) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss J. Armstrong (—15).
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with dire results. Rumjahn's passing shots were superb and made with such confidence and accuracy that Tsui was made to look very amateurish.

Recovery Indicated

However, in the closing stages of the second set, there were indications of a Tsui revival and when he reduced a 1-4 deficit to 3-4, before losing the set at 4-6, spectators began to speculate on his prospects of prolonging the battle.

In the third set, games went with service until the fifth, when Tsui made a break through to lead for the first time since early in the first set. After that he went away to go out at 6-3.

Even then, Rumjahn's supporters were not unduly worried. He was by far the more consistent of the two players and appeared to have heaps in reserve. When the fourth set proved a repetition, however, and Tsui won it at 6-2, the odds changed rapidly.

The C.R.C. player had by this time, found his touch with his



volleying and Rumjahn had tired to such an extent that he was unable to pull out his passing shots with the same speed, although it was noticeable that for the most part they went where they should have gone.

Uphill Battle

Although he managed to hold his service in the final set, Rumjahn was obviously fighting an uphill battle and the strain of the long struggle was beginning to leave its marks. Tsui rubbed it in still further by utilising his drop shots, which by now were working well-nigh perfectly. Such was the position that Rumjahn could not afford to let them go, and, in the final stages, he appeared to be in a condition bordering on collapse.

At 4-all, Mr. C. J. Tacchi, the umpire, called the match off, as the light was then so bad that the flight of the ball was extremely difficult to follow. Mr. P. E. Baskett, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. stated that it would be played at an early date.

It should be mentioned that Rumjahn served very well throughout.

A Suggestion

In conclusion, a suggestion to the Cricket Club authorities with regard to umpires. There were numerous errors yesterday, very often at vital stages, due to the fact that there were insufficient linesmen and it is sincerely to be hoped that in future matches, this matter will be rectified, as it was in the last set yesterday.

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INTERPORT HOCKEY

Final Arrangements Completed PRACTICE GAME FOR COLONY XI

Final arrangements for the entertainment of the Macao hockey team during the Easter holidays have been completed and are as follows:

The first match will be played on the Club Ground between Macao and a Royal Naval side, on Saturday, "bully-off" at 3 p.m. The match will only be a short one, approximately 20 minutes each half, as it is meant as a "loosener" for the Macao team.

On Sunday, Hong Kong will meet Macao, on the Royal Naval Recreation Club No. 1 Ground, King's Park, "bully-off" at 3 p.m.

Macao will wear white shirts with a red Maltese Cross, whilst Hong Kong will wear red and white quartered shirts, white shorts and red and white ringed stockings.

On Easter Monday, the Hong Kong Civilians will play Macao at the same time and place, and on this occasion the Civilian team will wear white shorts, white and black ringed stockings and green shirts.

INTERPORT DINNER

On Monday evening at 8 p.m., the Interport Dinner will be held in the Cafe Wiseman, when the Macao team will be the guests of the Hong Kong Hockey Association.

It is earnestly hoped that as many Hong Kong enthusiasts as possible will turn up for this function, the charge for which will be \$3.30, including wine which will be served when speeches are being made. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

It would be very helpful if any person who intends to be present at this function would inform, by tele-



phone or chit, either Mr. A. M. Xavier, care of the P. and O. Bank, Tel. 26636 during office hours, or 58220 after office hours, or Mr. G. T. Palmer, care of Reiss Bradley and Co., Ltd., Tel. 28990 during office hours or 50200 after office hours.

Entrance fees for the two matches at the Royal Naval Recreation Club Ground are:—\$1 for seats, 50 cts. standing, and Service men in uniform: 50 cts. seats and 30 cts. standing.

A practice game has been arranged for the Colony and Civilian hockey elevens next Saturday, when both teams are requested to be present in white shirts on the No. 2 Naval Ground, King's Park at 3 p.m. when a side will be selected to meet a combined Radio-K.I.T.C. eleven in a "loosener."

LARGE UNITS HOCKEY FINAL

The final of the Large Units Hockey Competition, between the 5/6th Rajputana Rifles and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, will take place on the Sookunpoo ground at 4 p.m. on Friday April 15.

IRELAND WIN AMATEUR SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

Belfast, To-day. — The ninth Amateur International soccer classic between Ireland and Scotland, was held here to-day, when the Irishmen gained their revenge for last year's three clear goals defeat, in winning by the odd goal in three. Of the total number of games played to date, Scotland have won 5 and Ireland 4.—Renter.



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9.32 "	L. W. Shewan, I. H. Geare.
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9.40 "	D. J. Lyon, B. Rolfe.
9.44 "	E. L. Bompas, R. G. L. Oliphant.
9.48 "	J. M. Hall, G. Riddell-Carre.
9.52 "	P. H. Scoones, T. A. Pearce.
9.56 "	J. B. H. Leckie, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.00 "	G. H. Henry, W. Mulcahy.
10.04 "	G. W. Reid, H. C. B. Watson.
10.08 "	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
10.12 "	Col. King, Major Baines.
10.16 "	S. J. H. Fox, A. A. Bremner.
10.20 "	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
10.24 "	S. A. Sleaf, S. T. Butlin.
10.28 "	J. B. Mackie, R. G. Gray.
10.32 "	K. A. Munro, J. P. Murphy.
10.36 "	L. P. Tamworth, W. T. Yoxall.
10.40 "	E. Laidlaw, K. R. Quick.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	G. C. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.28 "	T. Gill, W. H. Way.
10.00 "	Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Mulcahy.
10.08 "	R. M. M. King, A. Mabb.



MIXED FOURSOMES GOLF FINAL

L. Goldman and Mrs. W. Woodward (33) beat L. R. Andrewes and Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith (21), by 4 and 2, in the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Mixed Foursomes competition, at Fanling, yesterday.

EAST FIFE ENTER SCOTS' CUP FINAL

ST. BERNARD'S LOSE SECOND REPLAY LEAGUE RESULTS

In their second replay in the Semi-Final Round of the Scottish F.A. Cup, East Fife beat St. Bernard's by 2 goals to 1, at Edinburgh.

Several first Division Scottish League matches were also held yesterday, the Rangers beating Aberdeen by three clear goals in an away encounter, while Kilmarnock and Hamilton shared four goals in the former's home match.

In another match, Morton suffered a reverse at home when they lost to Hearts by the odd goal in three.

In a Scottish Second Division League match, Raith Rovers beat King's Park by 4 goals to 1 in an away fixture.—Renter.

ROYAL SCOTS DEFEAT CHINESE ENGINEERS

Although a goal down at the interval, the Royal Scots fought back splendidly in the second half and fully deserved their 4 goals to 2 victory over the Chinese Engineers, in a Second Division fixture League football match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Clever combination was displayed by both teams but once the Sappers lost their goal lead it was just a matter of how many the Scots would net.

The Sappers took a first half lead through Cheung Choy, but on the resumption the Scots drew level through a penalty scored by McDonald. Immediately from the re-start Brown netted with a brilliant drive from long range. The Scots continued to hold the upper hand and further goals were added by McDonald and Potts, while Lei Wai-lam reduced the arrears for the Engineers.

SHREWSBURY F.C. FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THIRD DIVISION

London, March, 8. Shrewsbury Town F.C. have applied for membership of the League (Northern Section) next season, it was announced after the League Management Committee meeting in London yesterday.

Benefits were granted to Oakes (James) and Wilkinson (Charlton), Walker (Sheffield Wednesday), Corkhill (Notts County), Towler (Lincoln City) and Fox (York City).

SOUTH CHINA A.A. TO COMMENCE SWIMMING SEASON

First Gala For North Point To-morrow

The re-opening of the South China Athletic Association bathing pavilion, North Point, will be held to-morrow, at 2 p.m. The ceremony will take the form of a swimming gala in which Norman Lee, Mak Wai-ming, Miss Yeung Sau-king and Miss Yeung Sau-chun will be seen in action.

Kwok Hon-ming has been selected captain of the swimming team and will be taking charge of the senior training class.

The programme of events and entries are as follows:

50 yards free style.—Law Yuk-wing, Chan Wing-kai, Wong Chi-hung.
100 yards free style.—Norman Lee, Kwok Hon-ming, Ip Hon-chuen.
200 yards breast-stroke.—Fong Chung-ku, Tsan Yu-hing, Tam Shik-ip.
Butterfly Breast stroke exhibition.—Law Yuk-wing.
400 yards free style.—Mak Wai-ming and Norman Lee.
Ladies 100 yards free style.—Yeung Sau-king, Yeung Sau-chun, Ng U-hing.
Ladies 100 yards breast-stroke.—Chan Yuk-king, Dora Lam, Au Yan-chun.
100 yards backstroke.—Chan Kai-him, Kwok Hon-ming, Yeung Yu-kwan.
Screw stroke exhibition.—Kwok Hon-ming.
Escaping from the sack.—Law Yuk-wing, Yeung Yu-kwan.
Fancy Diving.—Stanley Lee Wong Kwok-kit, Chik Shiu-fok, Ip Hon-chuen, Mak Wai-ming.

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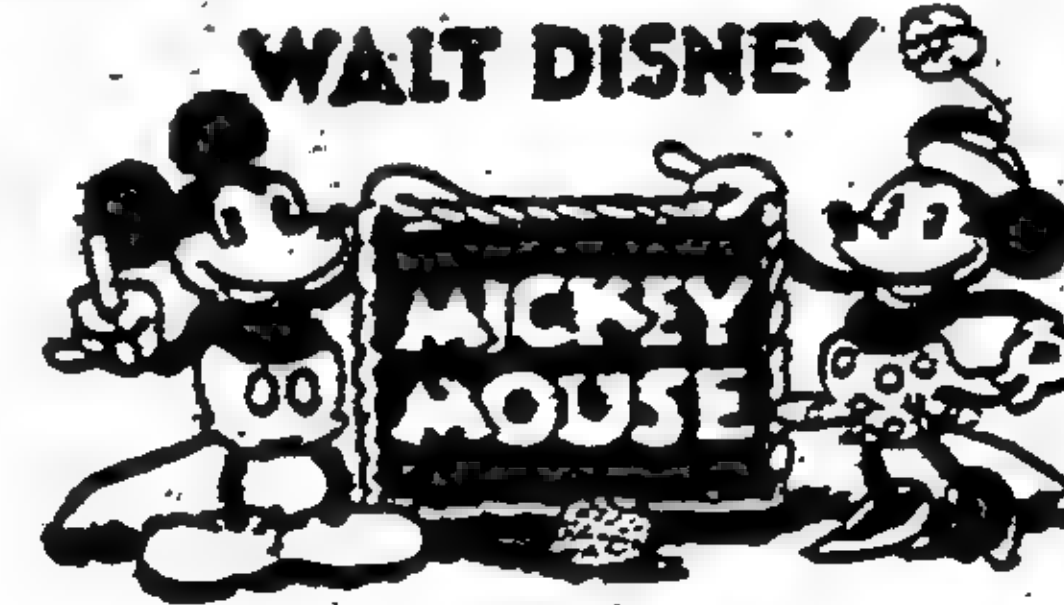
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5. Pluto's Judgment Day
6. Who Killed Cock Robin?
7. Two Gun Mickey
8. Three Blind Mouseketeers
9. Thru the Mirror.

PRESS CRICKET TEAM TO MEET R.A.M.C.

The following will represent the Press in a game of cricket against the Royal Army Medical Corps, at Sookunpoo, to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m.

F. M. el Arculli (Daily Press); G. W. Griffin, M. R. Abbas and A. H. Rumjahn (Hong Kong Telegraph); A. T. Lee and A. M. Omar (S. C. M. Post); N. A. E. Mackay (China Mail); E. MacNider, Y. el Arculli and O. Talip (Daily Press) and A. R. Abbas Reserve, J. Prettyjohn (Daily Press). Umpire, F. Abdul-Curreen.

To-morrow's Home Soccer Programme

FIRST DIVISION		THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Arsenal	v. Brentford	Aldershot	v. Southend
Birmingham	v. West Brom.	Bournemouth	v. Mansfield
Blackpool	v. Charlton	Brighton	v. Torquay
Chelsea	v. Preston	Bristol City	v. Newport
Everton	v. Sunderland	Cardiff	v. Bristol R.
Grimsby	v. Portsmouth	Clapton O.	v. Queen's P.R.
Manchester C.	v. Bolton	Crystal Palace	v. Gillingham
Middlesbro'	v. Liverpool	Millwall	v. Swindon
Wolves	v. Leicester	Reading	v. Exeter
SECOND DIVISION		Walsall	v. Northampton
Burnley	v. Manchester U.	Watford	v. Notts C.
Bury	v. Stockport	THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Chesterfield	v. Bradford	Accrington	v. Rotherham
Fulham	v. Southampton	Chester	v. Wrexham
Newcastle	v. Norwich	Crewe	v. Lincoln
Notts Forest	v. Luton	Doncaster	v. Halifax
Tottenham	v. Sheffield Un.	Hartlepool	v. Barrow
West Ham	v. Plymouth	New Brighton	v. Darlington



YESTERDAY'S RUGBY RESULTS

London, To-day.—Bridgend beat Bath by 17 points to 10 in their last Rugby match this season, while Capt. Crawshaw's fifteen beat Cranborne by 23 points to 3.—Renter.

Oldham	v. Gateshead
Port Vale	v. Hull
Rochdale	v. Carlisle
Southport	v. Trammere
York C.	v. Bradford C.

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

		HOME										AWAY												
FIRST DIVISION		P P W L					Goals					P W L					Goals A Pts. TL							
Arsenal (3)	WdWd	36	17	13	1	3	35	20	29	19	5	8	6	22	26	16	45							
Wolves (5)	DLWd	35	17	9	2	6	33	12	24	18	8	8	2	18	26	18	42							
Charlton (2)	WdWd	35	18	13	2	3	38	13	29	17	2	7	8	22	29	12	41							
Preston (14)	WwWd	35	18	9	1	8	32	19	26	17	5	7	5	26	23	15	41							
Middlesbrough (7)	dWdL	35	19	11	4	4	38	25	26	16	6	8	2	27	29	14	40							
Brentford (6)	ILWd	36	18	10	4	4	41	22	24	18	6	9	3	23	35	15	39							
Bolton (20)	dWdL	36	18	9	4	5	30	21	23	18	3	6	9	19	29	15	38							
Sunderland (8)	IDWdL	36	17	11	2	4	20	15	26	19	3	10	6	20	23	12	38							
Derby (4)	WwWd	36	18	9	4	5	37	29	23	18	5	9	4	23	34	14	37							
Liverpool (18)	WwWWW	36	19	9	7	3	39	27	21	17	5	6	6	21	29	16	37							
Leeds (19)	LdLd	36	20	9	5	6	32	25	24	16	2	6	8	20	28	12	36							
Stoke (10)	LdWd	36	18	9	2	7	39	16	25	18	3	11	4	15	31	10	35							
Blackpool (-)	WdWdL	37	18	7	6	5	27	21	19	19	6	10	3	28	35	15	34							
Chelsea (13)	DdWdW	34	18	9	3	6	39	24	24	16	3	10	3	13	21	9	33							
W. Brom. (16)	DdLdW	34	19	8	6	5	46	30	21	15	4	8	3	24	37	11	32							
*Leicester (-)	LDLd	35	17	6	6	5	34	17	17	18	5	9	4	21	38	14	31							
Everton (17)	IDWd	36	17	10	4	3	43	27	23	19	2	13	4	21	42	8	31							
Huddersfield (15)	ILWd	35	16	8	6	2	21	22	18	19	5	11	3	23	37	13	31							
Manchester C. (1)	dLWd	35	18	10	7	1	39	28	21	17	3	10	4	29	38	10	31							
Birmingham (11)	IDLdW	36	19	6	2	11	32	25	23	17	1	10	6	17	28	8	31							
Grimsby (12)	WdLdW	36	18	8	5	5	25	24	21	18	1	10	7	19	39	9	30							
Portsmouth (9)	LDWd	35	18	7	5	6	30	21	20	17	2	10	5	20	39	9	29							

SECOND DIVISION		HOME										AWAY										Goals		Pts. TL	
		P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.									
Aston Villa (9)	wWWd	35	17	12	3	2	38	11	26	18	8	5	5	16	19	21	47								
+Manchester U. (-)	dWdW	36	18	12	2	3	39	17	27	18	6	5	7	23	40	19	46								
Coventry (8)	WwDAW	36	19	11	3	5	30	20	27	17	7	5	5	28	25	19	46								
Sheffield U. (1)	IDdD	36	18	13	2	3	36	17	29	18	6	8	4	28	30	16	45								
Tottenham (10)	wfWwW	35	17	13	1	3	38	11	29	18	5	11	2	25	31	12	41								
Burnley (13)	LdWwW	37	19	11	3	5	28	19	27	18	4	9	5	18	31	13	40								
Chesterfield (15)	fWfWd	36	17	10	5	2	30	16	22	19	4	8	7	22	49	15	37								
Bury (3)	WfWfW	36	18	12	4	2	45	17	26	18	4	11	3	19	25	11	37								
West Ham (6)	dWdLl	36	18	9	3	6	31	23	24	18	2	6	8	14	27	12	36								
Bradford (20)	lLWfL	35	17	9	4	4	38	14	22	18	4	9	5	13	25	13	35								
S'ampton (19)	WfWdL	36	19	10	2	7	36	21	27	17	3	12	2	18	41	8	35								
Norwich (17)	fWfWd	36	17	11	3	3	29	25	25	19	2	12	5	22	48	9	34								
Newcastle (4)	dWfLl	36	19	11	4	4	35	12	26	17	2	12	3	20	25	7	33								
*Luton (-)	IDdDl	36	18	8	5	5	42	32	21	18	4	10	4	22	34	12	33								
Fulham (11)	fWdWd	36	17	6	3	8	32	20	20	19	4	12	3	24	29	11	33								
Barnsley (14)	dWdDl	37	18	8	4	6	24	14	22	19	3	12	4	18	31	10	32								
+Wednesday (-)	lLdWw	36	18	8	6	4	20	18	20	18	3	10	5	20	31	11	31								
Plymouth (5)	dWdWd	35	16	7	4	5	28	25	19	19	3	11	5	17	44	11	30								
Swansea (16)	WfWfWl	35	18	10	4	4	20	13	24	17	1	12	4	14	42	6	30								
Notts. F. (18)	WfWfL	35	18	10	5	3	35	18	23	17	1	13	3	13	31	5	28								
Stockport (-)	WdLWl	36	18	8	5	5	22	20	21	18	2	13	3	13	40	7	28								
Blackburn (12)	dLWfL	36	17	9	2	6	38	27	24	19	2	14	3	19	43	7	21								

		HOME										AWAY											
THIRD DIVISION SOUTH		P P W L					Goals					P W L					Goals Pts. TL						
		D F A Pts.					P W L					D F A Pts.											
Queen's P.R. (9)	WdLW	37	18	12	3	3	42	12	27	18	6	7	5	30	26	17	44						
Millwall (8)	WwWwd	35	16	11	2	3	37	16	25	19	6	6	7	21	21	19	44						
Watford (4)	dLWd	36	17	10	3	4	40	16	24	19	7	6	6	19	29	19	43						
Brighton (3)	dWLW	36	20	15	3	2	37	15	32	16	3	8	5	18	25	11	43						
Bristol C. (16)	dWdWd	33	16	11	1	4	30	11	26	17	5	6	6	22	18	16	42						
Reading (5)	dDIWd	35	16	13	2	1	36	22	27	19	2	8	9	23	37	13	40						
Swindon (13)	WWwWw	35	17	12	2	3	30	12	27	18	4	9	5	16	25	13	40						
Cardiff (17)	DIDL	35	19	12	1	6	52	22	30	16	3	11	2	16	25	8	38						
Bournemouth (6)	WdWIL	35	19	9	3	7	30	20	25	16	6	9	1	17	24	13	38						
Crystal P. (4)	WWDWI	35	17	12	3	2	39	20	26	18	3	9	6	15	26	12	38						
Notts. C. (2)	ILIdW	36	18	8	5	5	20	15	21	18	7	8	3	20	21	17	38						
Mansfield (-)	WIWIL	34	18	11	3	4	36	17	26	16	3	10	3	11	26	9	35						
Southend (10)	wLIdI	36	19	11	4	4	31	19	26	17	3	11	3	25	35	9	35						
Exeter (20)	IWDWI	35	18	9	5	4	34	20	22	17	4	9	4	15	28	12	34						
Northampton (7)	WIWID	34	16	8	5	3	21	17	19	18	6	11	1	22	39	13	32						
Newport (18)	IdWdW	34	14	8	2	4	25	11	20	20	2	11	7	15	36	11	31						
Bristol R. (15)	LwLlw	35	19	8	4	7	23	20	23	16	2	11	3	12	32	7	30						
Clapton (12)	DIWID	36	18	7	5	6	21	19	20	18	3	12	3	15	30	9	28						
Aldershot (21)	LIWlw	36	18	8	7	3	18	18	19	18	4	13	1	12	33	9	28						
Torquay (18)	DdDdD	35	18	7	7	4	20	22	18	17	2	11	4	10	34	8	26						
Gillingham (11)	wWIDI	36	18	8	6	4	17	21	20	18	1	16	1	11	44	3	23						
Wallsall (17)	ILId	36	19	9	9	1	30	38	19	17	0	14	3	13	37	3	22						

Talk On The Bridge Olympic From The Studio

12-1220 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Cicely Courtneidge, Jack Buchanan and Musical Comedy Selections.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Bachmanoff—Suite No. 2 For Two Pianos, Op. 17.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-8.03 p.m.—European Programme.
8.03-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Studio—The Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and Light Symphony Orchestras.
"Princess Ida"—Selection (Sullivan).....New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Watchman, What Of The Night (Sarjeant).....Peter Dawson singing a duet with himself.
"Cavaleria Rusticana"—Intermezzo (Mascagni); Barcarolle ("Tales Of Hoffmann"—Offenbach).....New Light Symphony Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

Clapham And Dwyer In Music Hall From London

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Fantasia On Norwegian Folk Songs (Arr. Haland).....Norwegian Light Symphony Orchestra.
7.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'—Mr. Wilkes at home in his own parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton and S. E. Reynolds.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
8.03 p.m.—Mendelssohn's Compositions.
Fingal's Cave—Overture.....St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Rudolph Ganz.
Song Without Words—Sadness Of Soul (F. Major, Op. 53, No. 4); Lost Illusion (F. sharp Minor, Op. 67, No. 2).....Ignaz Friedman (Piano Solo).
Symphony No. 4 ("Italian") In A Major.....Sir Hamilton Harty, conducting The Halle Orchestra.
Spring Song (Song without words No. 30).....The Angelus Octet.

Song Without Words—Venetian Gondola Song No. 2 (F sharp Minor, Op. 30, No. 6); Lost Happiness (C. Minor, Op. 39, No. 2).....Ignaz Friedman (Piano Solo).
8.50 p.m.—Studio—His Honour Mr. Justice Lindsell—Talk on the Bridge Olympic.
9 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—
Please Remember (Denby & Watson); On Linger Longer Island (Kennedy—Carr).....Jack Harris And His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Sam Browne.
True Confession (From the Film).....Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus.
Once In A While (Green & Edwards); Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen (Secunda—Cahn—Chaplin).....Jack Harris And His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Sam Browne.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by The Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Waltz Nanette (Arr. Schwartz).
Spring Waltz (Arr. Schwartz).
Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Volga, Volga! (Russian Waltz Pot-pourri—Walter Noack).
Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
10 p.m.—London Relay—"Music-Hall". Including Clapham and Dwyer. In a spot of bother with The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell.
11 p.m.—Close down.

7 a.m.—The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra.
7.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8 a.m.
8.15 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.13 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The Gang Smasher (Episode 2): 'John Martinson Takes a Trick in Diamonds'. A radio serial from the novel 'The Gang Smasher' by Hugh Clevley.
11.05 a.m.—The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.
11.30 a.m.—'At the Black Dog'.
12 noon.—New Dance Music.
12.10 p.m.—The Band of His Majesty's Goldstream Guards.
12.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort, at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
1.15 p.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.57 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSJ 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSH 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSG 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2 p.m.—Big Ben. Music Hall.
3 p.m.—Boxing: The Services Tournament. A commentary by Thomas Woodroffe on the final stages of the Imperial Services Boxing Association Tournament. From the Empress Hall, Earl's Court, London.
3.20 p.m.—The Dansant.
3.40 p.m.—'The Gang Smasher' (Episode 2): 'John Martinson Takes a Trick in Diamonds'. A radio serial from the novel 'The Gang Smasher' by Hugh Clevley.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—'Matters of Moment'. A talk by the Hon. Malik Sir Firoz Khan Noon, K.C.I.E. (High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom), in a series for listeners in India.
4.35 p.m.—Walford Hyden and his Magyar Orchestra.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Rate Yourself

Mr. Culbertson is conducting, through this column, an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

Questions 14 and 15 of the Self-Rating Bridge Examination appeared on Tuesday. They were:

Question 14: Both sides vulnerable. You are South. Your partner dealt and bid one spade. Second hand passed. Your holding is:
S.—6. H.—Q 5 4. D.—A 10 7 5 3. C.—J 8 4 2

What call do you make, and why?
Answer: You should bid one no trump. Your hand is decidedly too good to pass but not good enough to justify the response of two diamonds. The singleton spade is, admittedly, a bad feature of the no trump response, but you would be misleading partner and increasing the contract by any other call. As between two evils, choose the lesser. (One point demerit for any call other than one no trump.)

Question 15: Both sides vulnerable. You partner dealt and bid one spade. Next hand overcalled with one no trump. Your holding is:
S.—7. H.—A 10 6. D.—Q J 10 8 5. C.—Q 9 7 4

What call do you make?
Answer: You should double, a penalty double, of course. You have no reason to feel that your side can make a game in any suit, but yourself probably will be able to take at least five tricks against an adverse no trump, especially in view of the fact that you are on lead and can open the diamond queen. To make any call other than a double is to jeopardise a beautiful opportunity. (Two points demerit for any call other than a double.)

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS

Question 16: Opponents are vulnerable. You are not. Your partner dealt and bid one club. Next hand passed. Your holding is:
S.—5. H.—K Q J 9 7 5 3 2. D.—6 2. C.—5 3

What call do you make?
Question 17: Both sides are vulnerable and you have a part score of 40 points. Your partner deals and bids one heart. Next hand passes. Your holding is:
S.—K J 10. H.—J 8 6. D.—A J 8. C.—Q J 8 4

What call do you make?
TO-DAY'S HAND
Match-point duplicate.

South, dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—J
H.—K 10 7 2
D.—J 6 3
C.—Q J 9 8 4

EAST

S.—9 8 4
H.—J 9 4
D.—A 2
C.—A 6 5 3 2

SOUTH

S.—Q 10 6
H.—A Q 5
D.—K Q 10 4
C.—K 10 7

The bidding:

	South	West	North	East
1 no tr/p	Pass	2 clubs	2 spades	
2 no tr/p	Pass	3 no tr/p	Pass	
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass	

South's free rebid was hardly a thing of beauty. His opening no trump had been based on absolute minimum values, three and one-half honour tricks with eight honour cards. That was all right. But when North came in with a weakness response and East overcalled with two spades it is hard to imagine why South should have felt that his hand deserved a free rebid. There can be no criticism of North's bidding. His holding almost warranted a raise of the no trump on the first round. Instead of stretching, he had properly taken the more conservative course of merely bidding two clubs. When South advertised substantially better than a minimum no trump by his free rebid North was quite justified in going to game. The result was a "bottom" for North-South.

West open 1 his top spade. East, having no entry outside of the spade suit itself, played correctly in refusing to part with one of his honours, contenting himself with playing the seven spot as a come on signal. Dummy's jack holding, declarer led a low club to the king. West grabbed the trick and returned the eight of spades. There was no point in East's holding off longer. If declarer held another spade stopper that would simply mean that West was "out". After rattling off five spade tricks, during which time West gave negative heart signals, East returned a diamond, and the bad contract was down 500 points.

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AT THE STAR—"Midnight Taxi", with Brian Don Levy and Frances Drake. The picture deals with the clever methods used by Federal secret-service men on the trail of a baffling ring of counterfeiters. The romance which lovely Frances Drake, also a gang member, injects unexpectedly into their plans creates an unusual suspense.

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The Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 6th May, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 19th day of April, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box. Telephone 21920.

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ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND SUITE, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK-KERR, LEAVES CHUNGKING TO-DAY ON THE FIRST STAGE OF HIS RETURN TO SHANGHAI.

The party is sailing by steamer to Ichang, whence they are flying to Hankow.

The Chinese warmly greeted Sir Archibald's speech when he delivered his credentials.

In addition to presenting Letters of Credence, the Ambassador presented a letter recalling his predecessor, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who was wounded by the Japanese, and who the new Ambassador declared wished to express his regrets that he had been unable to take his leave of President Lin Sen in person.—Reuter.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate, sworn under \$13,100, was left by the late Mr. Gerardo Aguirres, alias Lo See-bik, of Shek Tong Village, Hai Ping, who died at the Kwong Wah Hospital on November 30, 1937.

Letters of Administration have been granted to Cheong See widow, of No. 31, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.

ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT NEAR SIGNATURE

Rome, To-day.
Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, had an interview late yesterday afternoon with the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, for the purpose, it is understood, of discussing the formalities of the signing of the Anglo-Italian agreement.

Political circles here continue to intimate that the agreement will be signed on Saturday.—Trans-Ocean.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of the Bonins, and there are indications that another is developing over China.

A depression is moving eastward across South Manchuria.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fair.

Lee Chung-choy, driver of lorry No. 4287, has reported that while he was driving in Chung Wah Street, the vehicle fell into a ditch owing to the collapse of part of the surface of the road. Choy Chan-sam, who was in the rear of the lorry, was thrown out and admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the leg.

ANOTHER PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

London, To-day.
The somewhat surprising announcement that the Secretary of State for War, Mr. L. Hore-Belisha will visit Rome on April 23 has resulted in widely differing comments in yesterday morning's papers.

Entitling its article "Another Pilgrim," the News-Chronicle states that the visit to Rome can be compared with that of the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, to Berlin last autumn and it clearly shows the wish on the part of the British Government to enter into closer co-operation with Italy.

Importance is attached to the fact that the visit of the Secretary for War precedes that of Herr Adolf Hitler by but a few days and it is also intimated in the Daily Mail that Mr. Hore-Belisha will hand to Signor Mussolini a personal message from the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, expressing his satisfaction over the success of the Anglo-Italian negotiations.

IMPORTANCE ATTACHED
Diplomatic circles attach great importance to the visit, which is the first of an official nature since Mr. Anthony Eden's trip to Italy in 1935.

The papers call attention to the fact that Mr. Hore-Belisha will also visit France following his conference with Signor Mussolini in Rome.

It is not thought, however, that there is any connection between the two visits, nor that Mr. Hore-Belisha will play the role of mediator in improving Franco-Italian relations.—Trans-Ocean.

Rome, To-day.
It is understood that the text of the Anglo-Italian Agreement has been completed and will be signed at noon on Saturday.—Reuter.

JAVANESE PRINCE STABBING

Mohamed Amin Bin A. Jalil, a deck boy, of the Javanese Prince, charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Mr. G. T. Gray, second officer of the ship, again made his appearance before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The ship is sailing to-morrow and the evidence of two deck hands was taken. They stated that when the ship was berthing the officer was hit by a wire rope. He scolded defendant and then struck him on the face, nearly causing the defendant to fall. Defendant took out a knife and threatened to use it. Neither saw the blow struck. Complainant was admitted to the French Hospital suffering from a wound on the shoulder and this had now turned septic.

The case was adjourned.

London, To-day.
His Majesty King George, with the Dukes of Gloucester and Kent, attended the funeral yesterday of his cousin, the Marquess of Milford Haven at the Berkshire village of Bray.—British Wireless.

Only seven cases of smallpox were reported to the local Health Department in the last 24 hours. Four were in Kowloon, two in Victoria, and one in Shaikwan.

PARIS STRIKES TERMINATING

Paris, To-day.
The situation in the Paris metal workers strike improved yesterday.

Workers of the nationalised Farman and Nieuport aircraft factories and of the Bleriot concern resumed work shortly before noon, and it is expected that workers in the Bloch, Liore and Ollivier works will return to-day.

Official quarters expect that the labour conflict in the aircraft industry will be completely settled at an early date.

The Government has already appointed an arbitrator and the employers will probably name their representatives on the Arbitration Board to-day.

If the arbitrators, named by the employers and workers fail to reach agreement, the Government arbitrator will have the final say.—Trans-Ocean.


Paris, To-day.
Strikers in the Peugeot motorcar factory have returned to work.—Reuter.

LEBRUN TO VISIT LONDON

London, To-day.
The President of the French Republic, M. Lebrun, will visit London to return the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Paris, the Star learns. Formal invitation will be transmitted by Their Majesties in Paris. The visit of the President of the French Republic to London will probably take place in November.—Trans-Ocean.

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